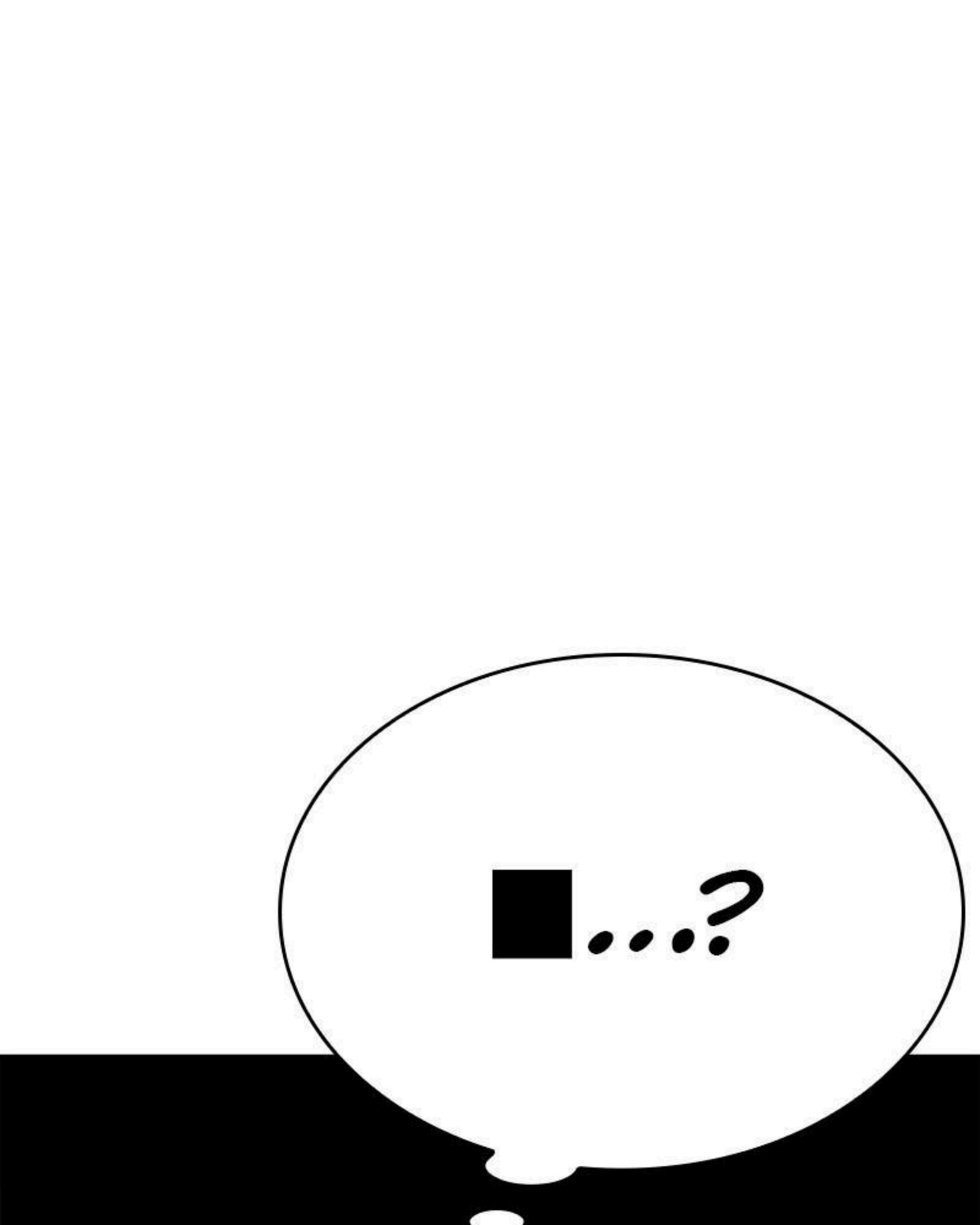


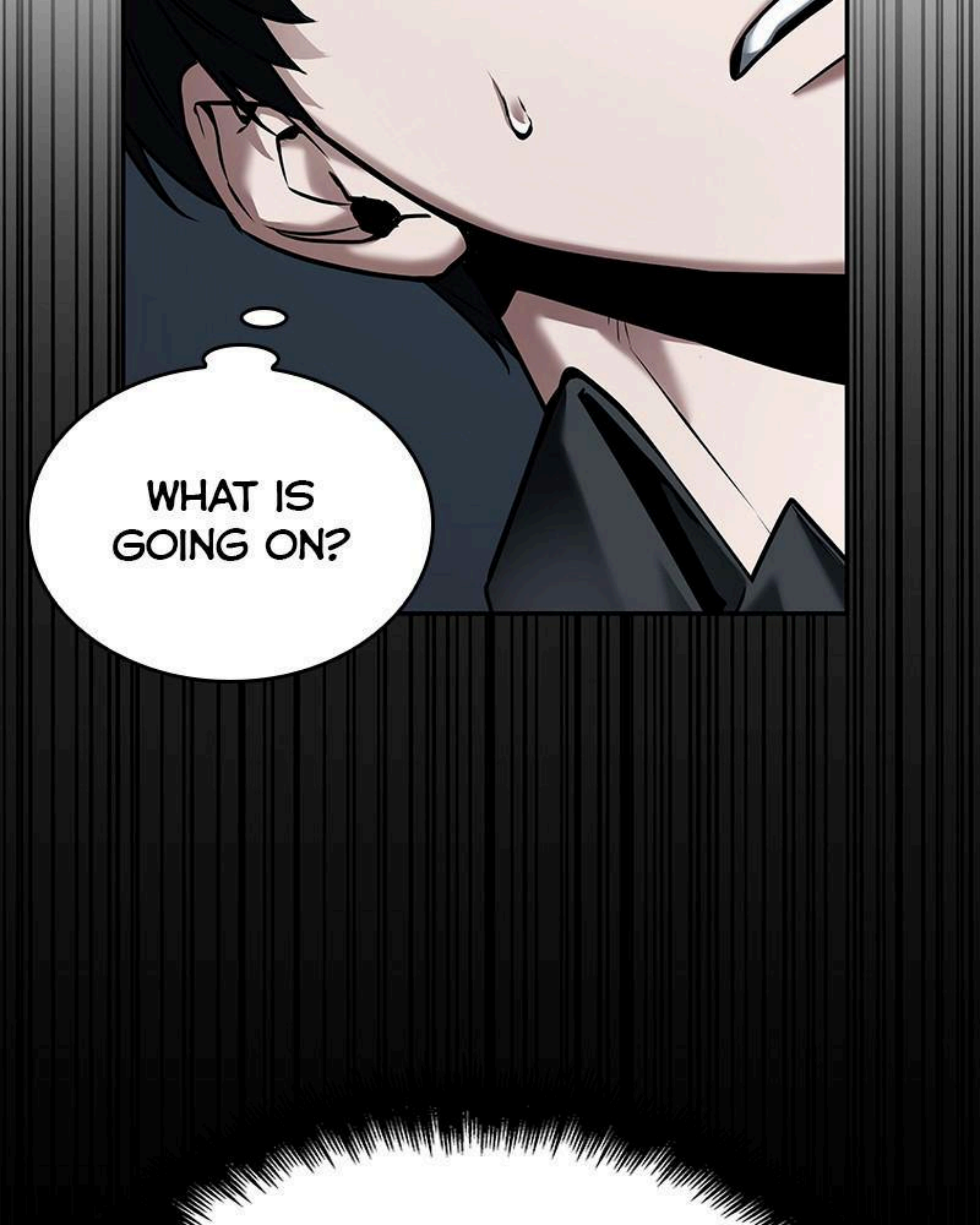
ALTHOUGH
I CAN'T
PRONOUNCE IT,

WHAT SHE
JUST SAID
WAS FILTERED
TO ME.

ALL INFORMATION
THAT IS PERTINENT
TO AN UNKNOWN
SCENARIO IS

FILTERED.

BUT THAT DOESN'T APPLY TO THOSE WHO ALREADY HAVE THAT INFORMATION.


WHAT IS GOING ON?

THERE'S STILL INFORMATION I DON'T KNOW WHEN I'VE READ *TWSA* IN ITS ENTIRETY?

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READER

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Chapter 22

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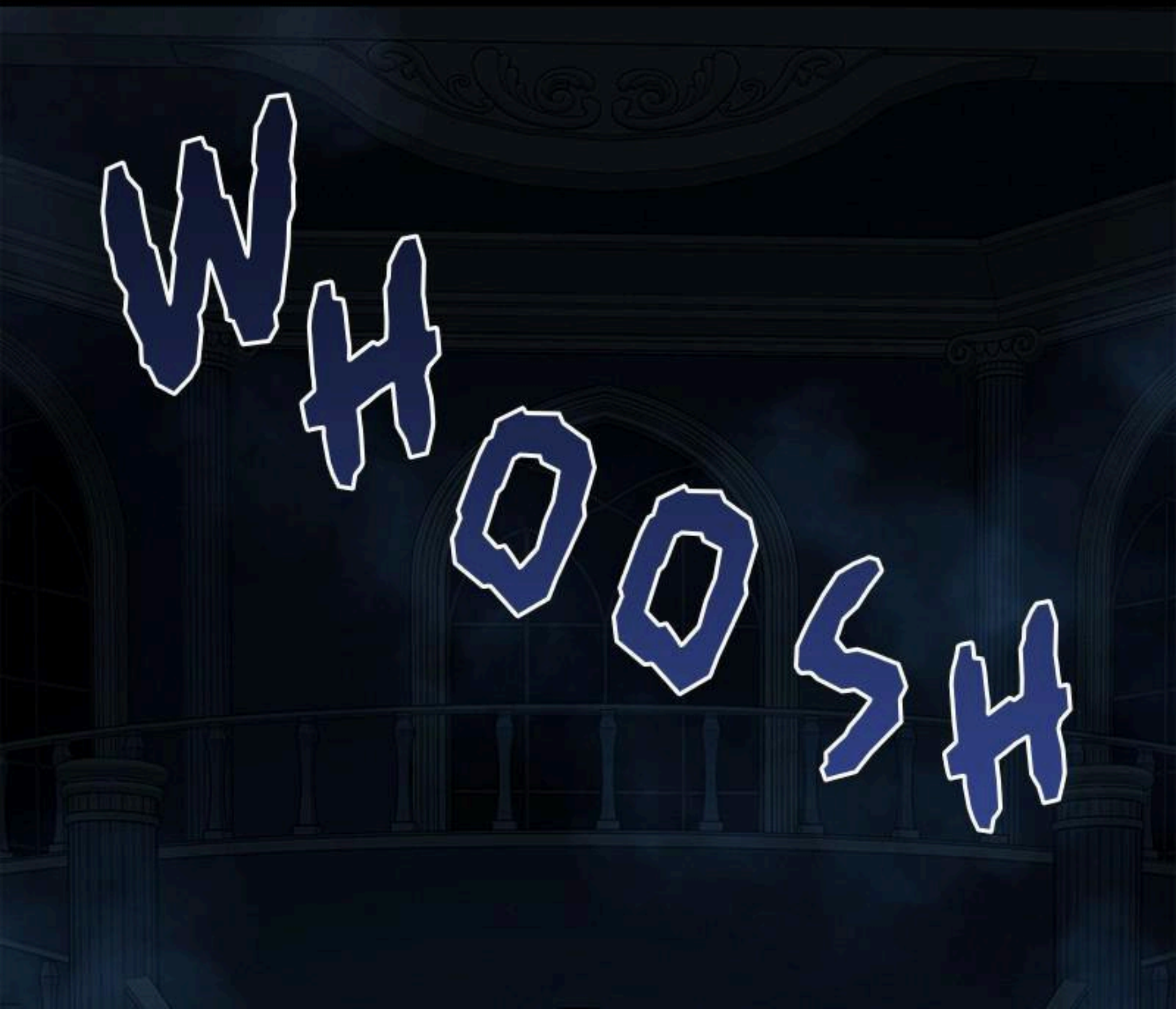
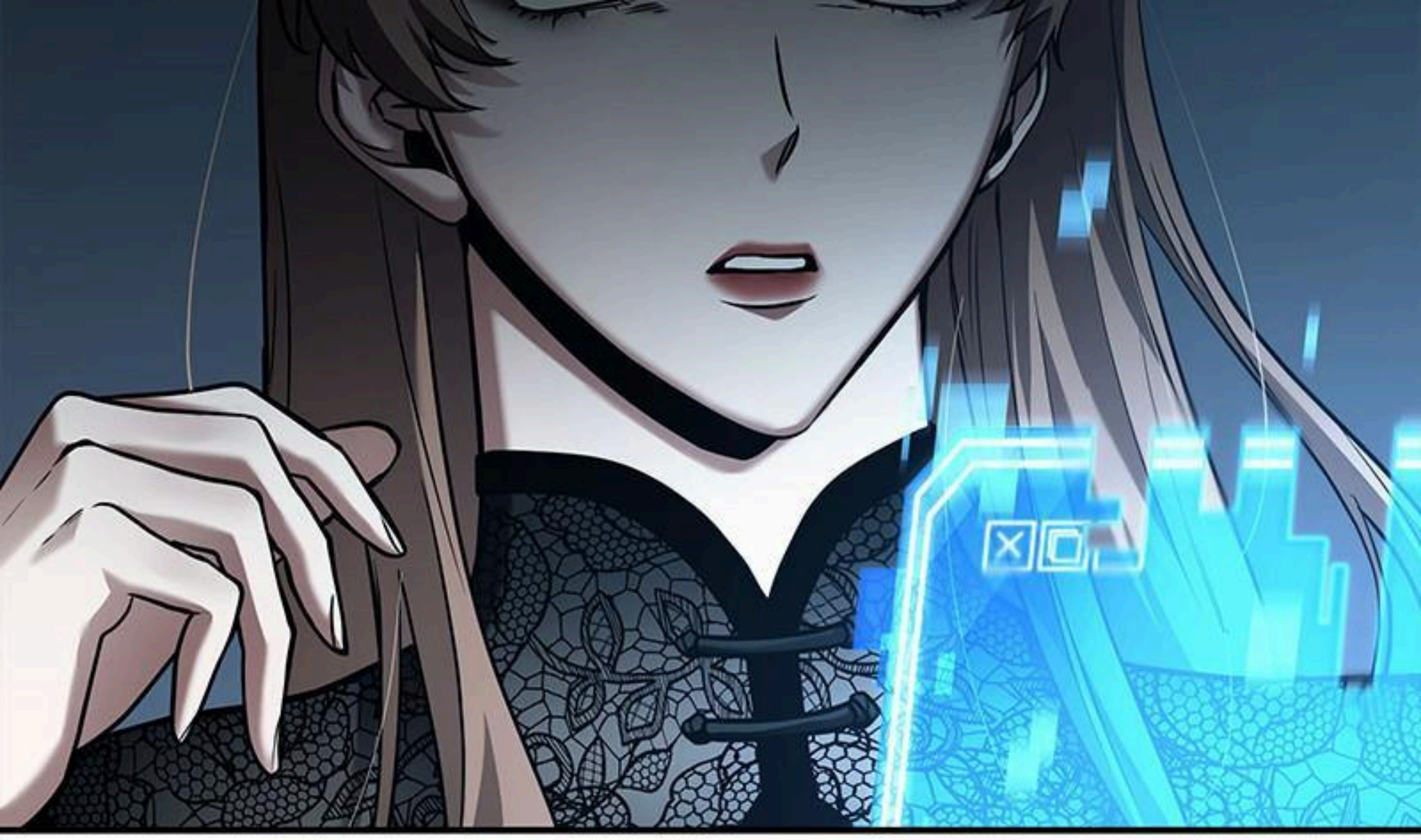

WHOOSH

OR MAYBE
IT'S...

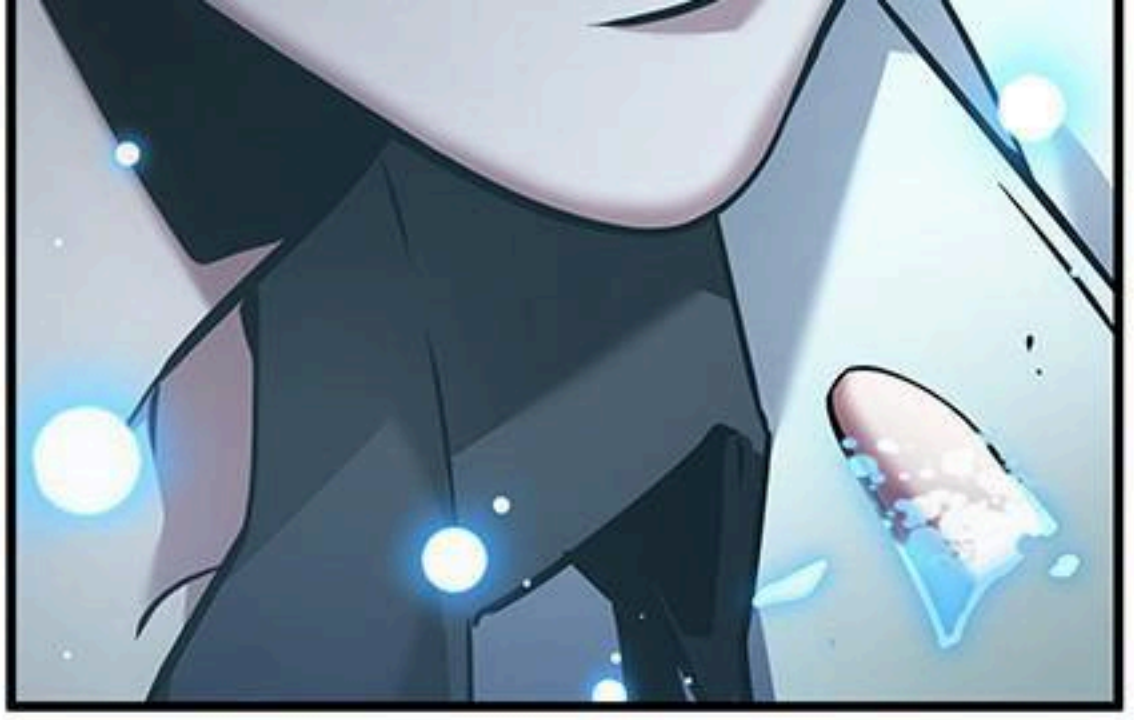
I'M SORRY TO SAY,
BUT MY HOSPITALITY
ENDS HERE.



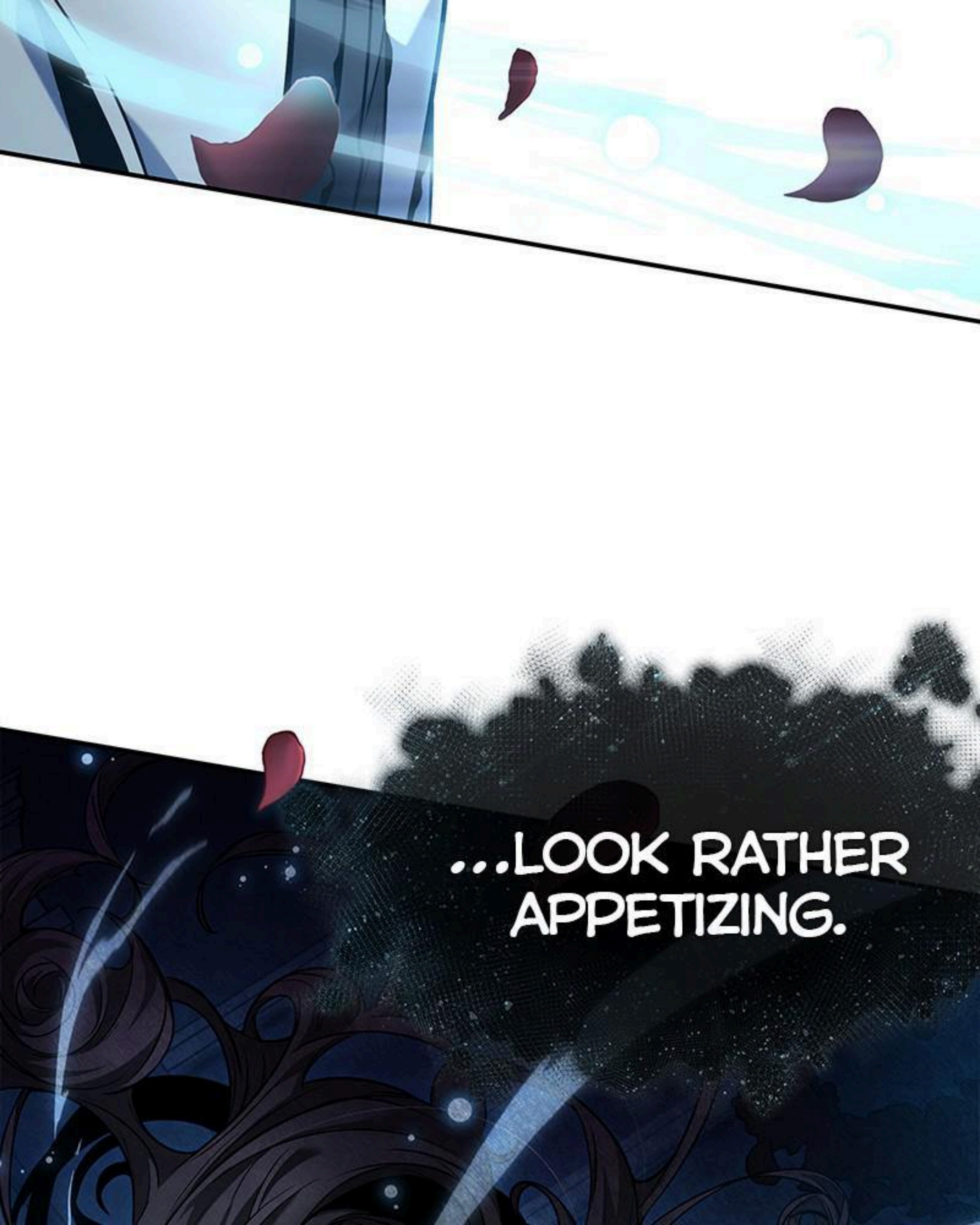
THE UNDERWORLD
HAS NO REASON
TO MAKE A DEAL

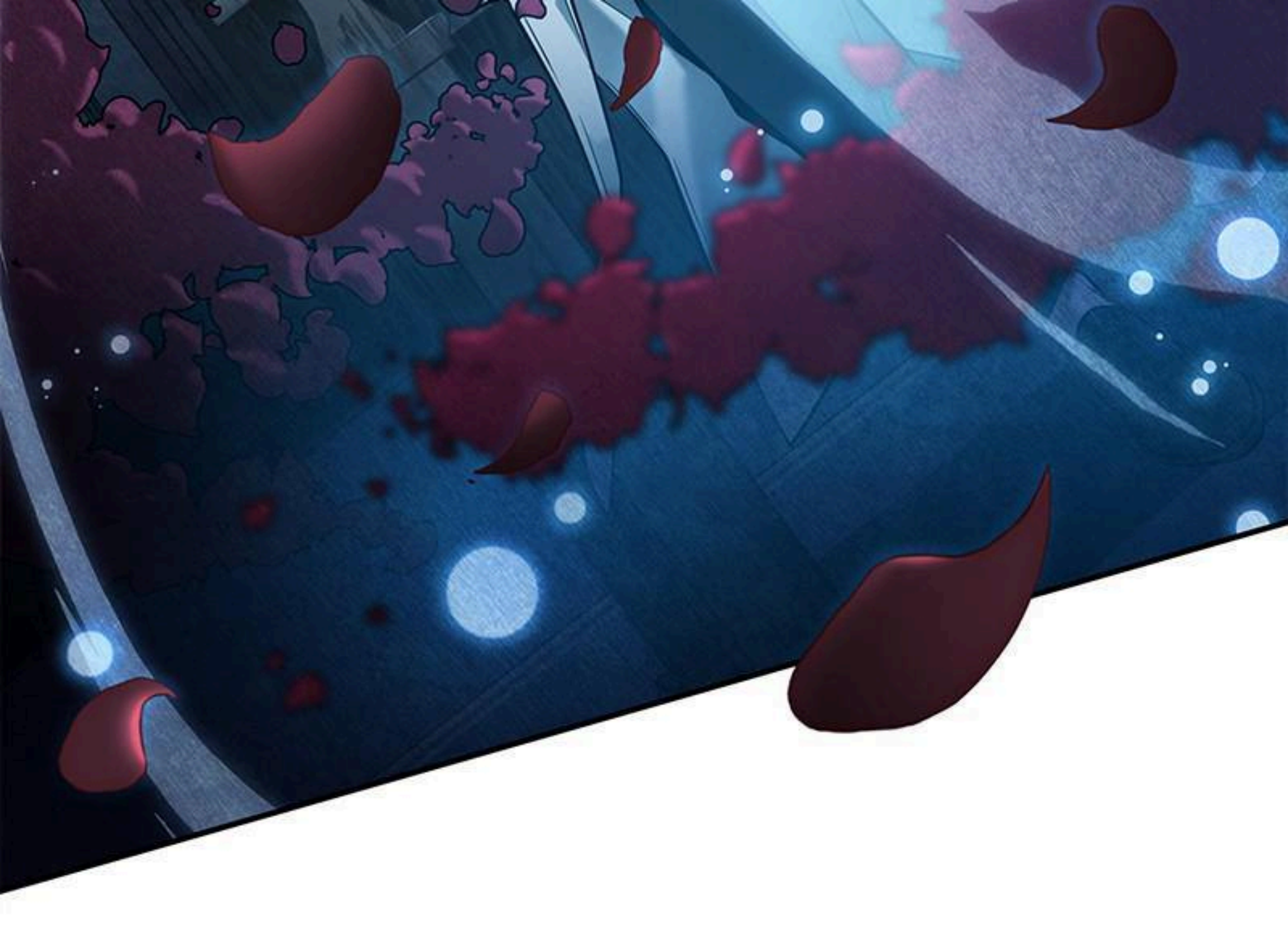
WITH YOU.

WE HAVE OTHER MEANS OF OBTAINING THE INFORMATION YOU HAVE.



I'VE BEEN HOLDING MYSELF BACK, BUT YOU...


...LOOK RATHER
APPETIZING.



SHUDDER

SQUEEZE
WHAT ABOUT THE CONSEQUENCES YOU'LL HAVE TO DEAL WITH FROM HARMING AN INCARNATION WHO IS PARTAKING IN A SCENARIO?

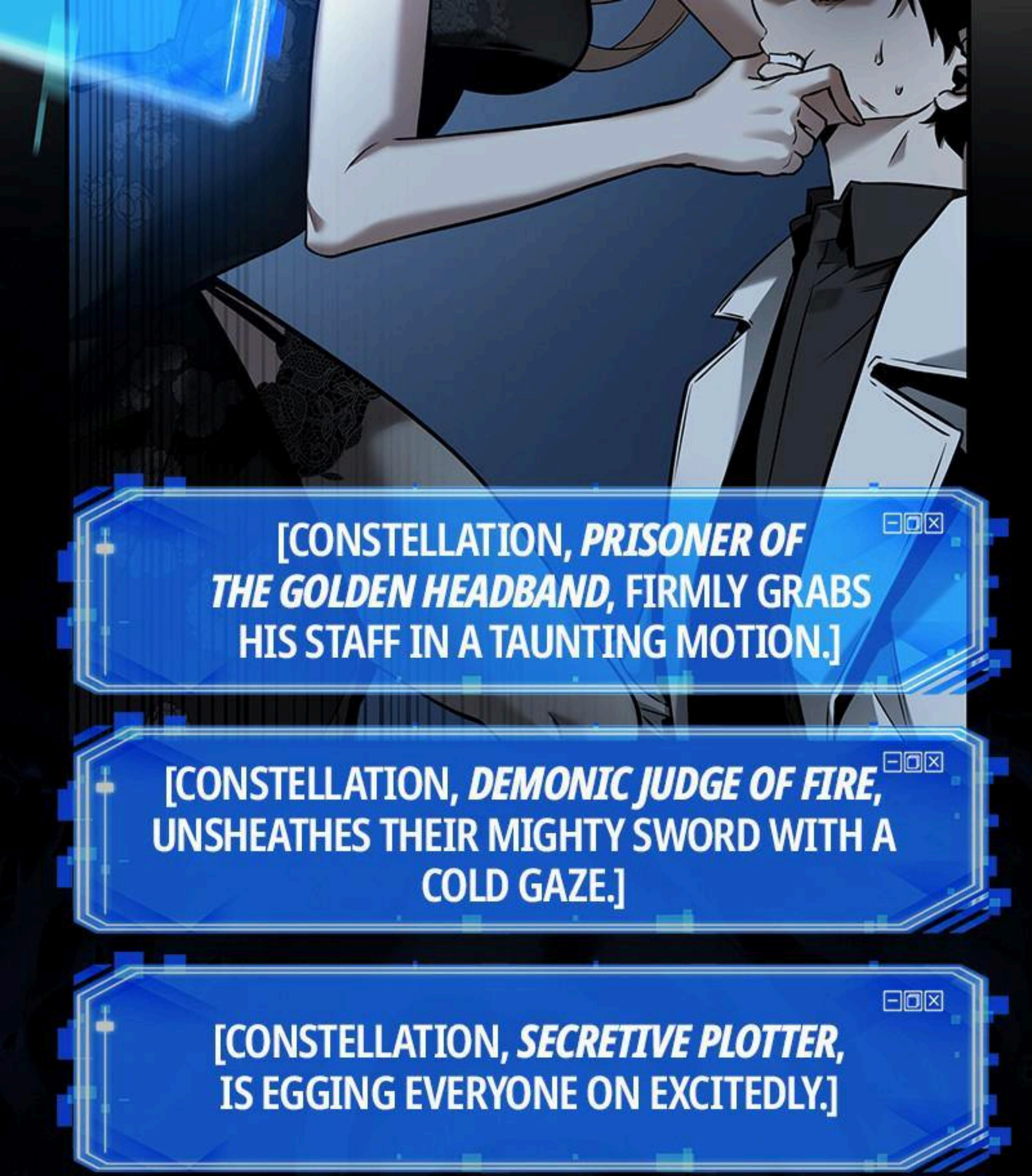
GOSH, YOU REALLY MUST NOT KNOW WHAT YOU'RE UP AGAINST.

DO YOU REALLY THINK I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO HANDLE THE AFTERMATH OF BREAKING SOMETHING LIKE THE RULE OF PLAUSIBILITY?

AND THE CONSTELLATIONS WHO ARE WATCHING ME WON'T LET YOU DO THAT.

AND WHAT MAKES YOU THINK THAT THE KING OF THE UNDERWORLD WOULD FEAR SUCH INSIGNIFICANT BEINGS?

DING
DING
DING



[CONSTELLATION, ***PRISONER OF THE GOLDEN HEADBAND***, FIRMLY GRABS HIS STAFF IN A TAUNTING MOTION.]

[CONSTELLATION, ***DEMONIC JUDGE OF FIRE***, UNSHEATHES THEIR MIGHTY SWORD WITH A COLD GAZE.]

[CONSTELLATION, ***SECRETIVE PLOTTER***, IS EGGING EVERYONE ON EXCITEDLY.]

I SEE. SO YOU WANT TO TASTE THE MIGHT OF THE UNDERWORLD?

BOOM

RUN

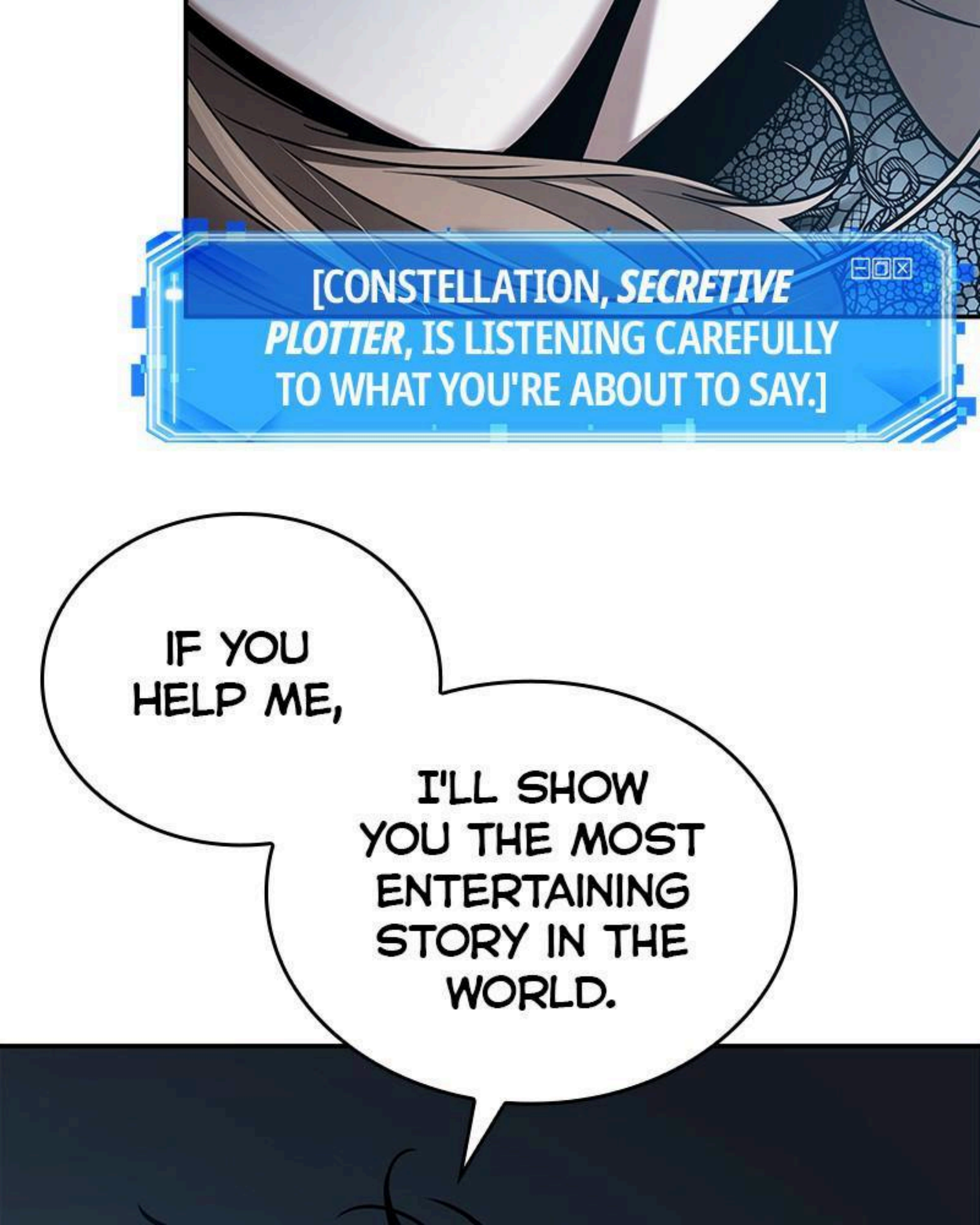
UNBLE

RUN
AWAY

CRAP, I'M GOING TO GET CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE IF I DON'T DO SOMETHING.

YOU SAID YOU LIKED STORIES.

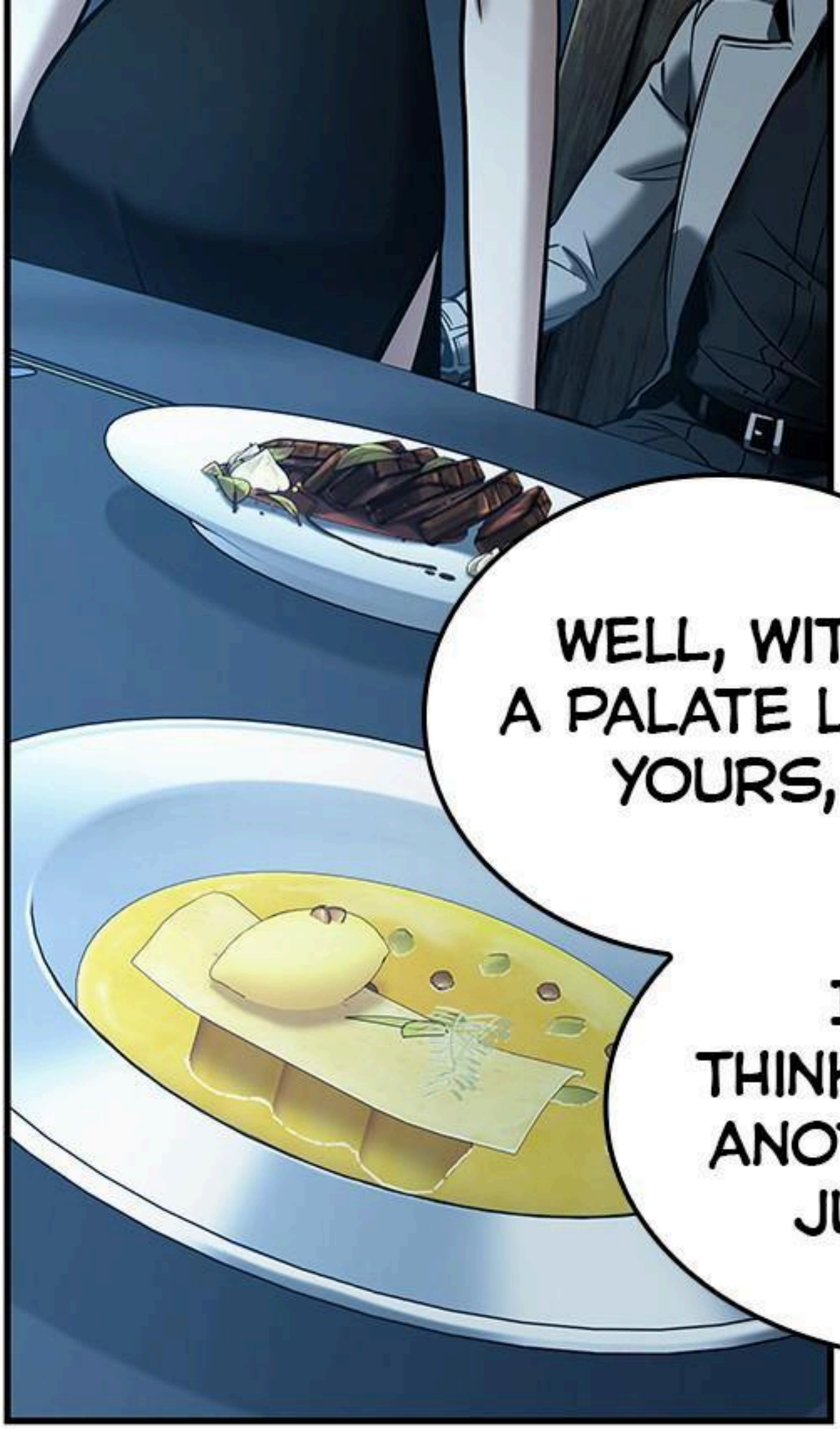
THEN HOW ABOUT THIS FOR A DEAL?


[CONSTELLATION, SECRETIVE PLOTTER, IS LISTENING CAREFULLY TO WHAT YOU'RE ABOUT TO SAY.]
IF YOU HELP ME,
I'LL SHOW YOU THE MOST ENTERTAINING STORY IN THE WORLD.

A STORY
TO MAKE THAT

STEAK YOU HAD LOOK LIKE JUNK FOOD IN COMPARISON.

ARE YOU SAYING THAT YOU'LL LET ME EAT YOU?


WELL, WITH A PALATE LIKE YOURS,
I DON'T THINK YOU NEED ANOTHER MEAL JUST YET.
AND I'M

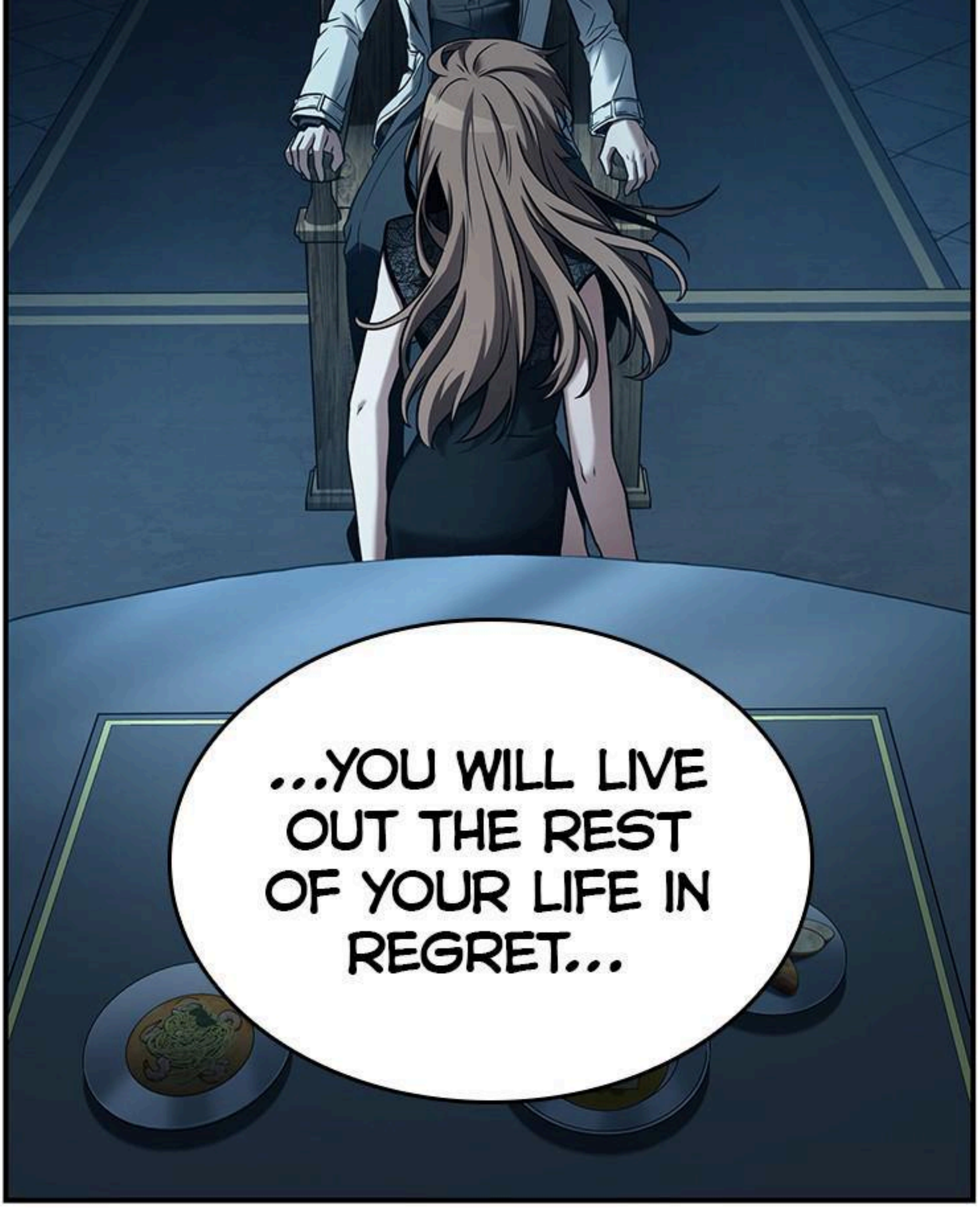
SURE YOU'RE FULL RIGHT NOW, TOO.

GRIN

SO YOU'RE GOING TO GET WHAT YOU WANT WITHOUT EVEN LETTING ME SAMPLE THE DELICACY?

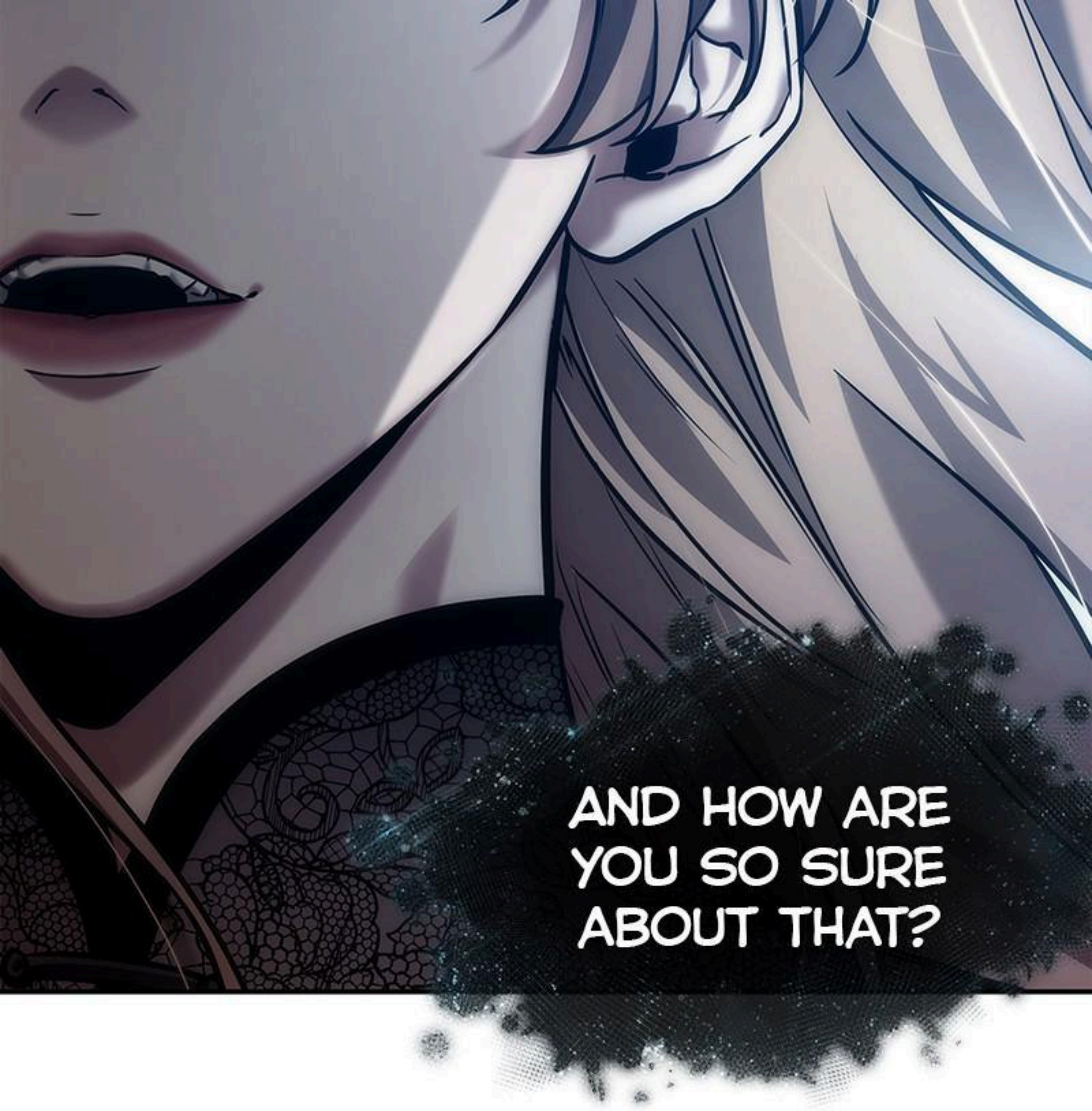
I'LL
LET YOU.

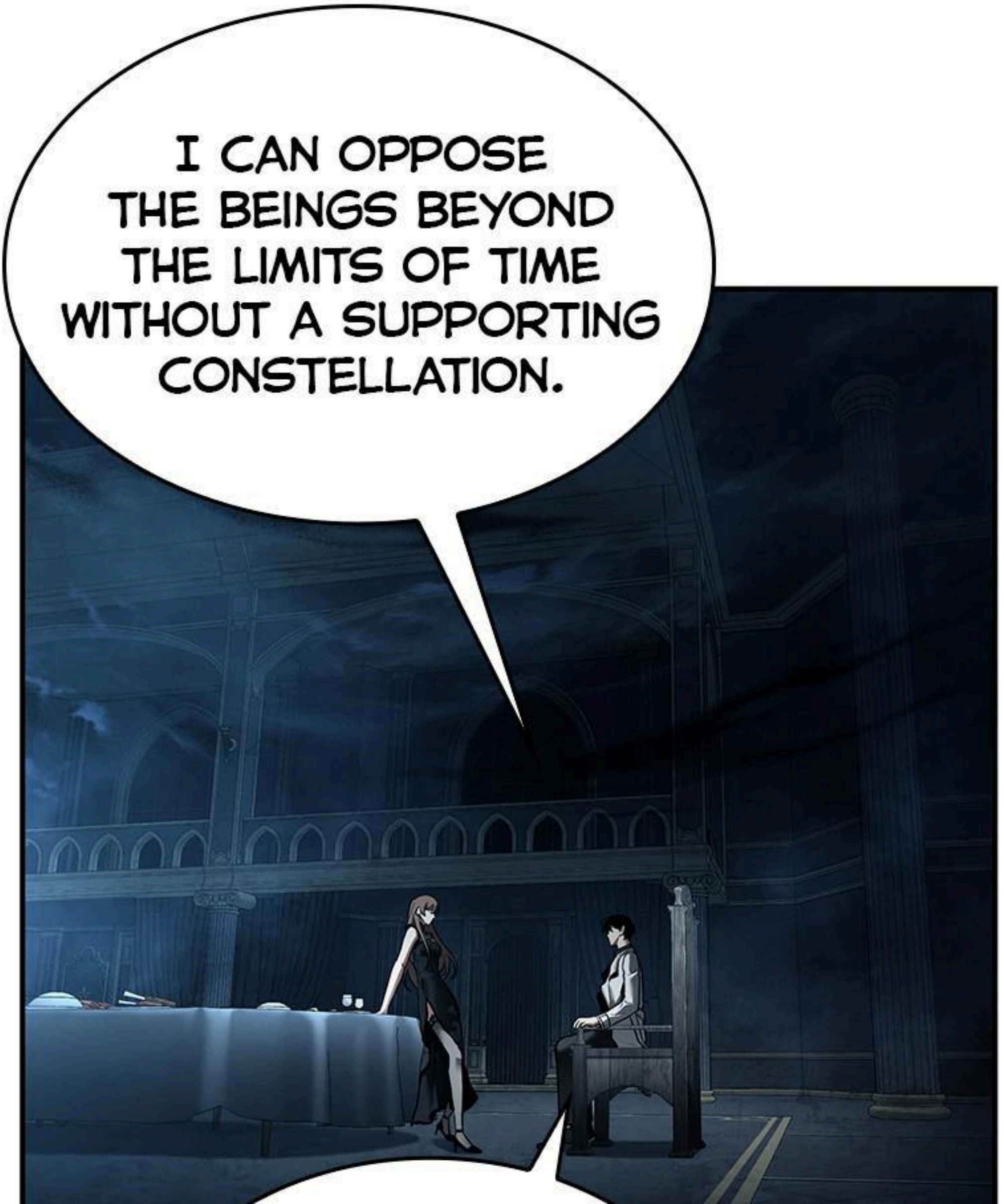
BUT IF
YOU DEVOUR
ME NOW...


...YOU WILL LIVE OUT THE REST OF YOUR LIFE IN REGRET...

...IN THE REALIZATION THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE HAD THE CHANCE TO...

...DINE
ON AN EVEN
FINER DELICACY
IF YOU HAD HELD
YOURSELF BACK
THEN.


AND HOW ARE YOU SO SURE ABOUT THAT?


I CAN OPPOSE
THE BEINGS BEYOND
THE LIMITS OF TIME
WITHOUT A SUPPORTING
CONSTELLATION.

I'VE DEFEATED THE RETURNEES WITHOUT THE HELP OF THE GODS OF THE OTHER DIMENSIONS,

AND I'VE ALSO STOPPED THE CATASTROPHES THAT DESCENDED UPON OUR WORLD.

AND ALL OF

AND ALL OF
THIS HAPPENED
OVER JUST FIVE
SCENARIOS.

AND
EVEN NOW, I
AM HERE IN THE
UNDERWORLD

AS A LIVING SPIRIT...

SPEAKING TO YOU.

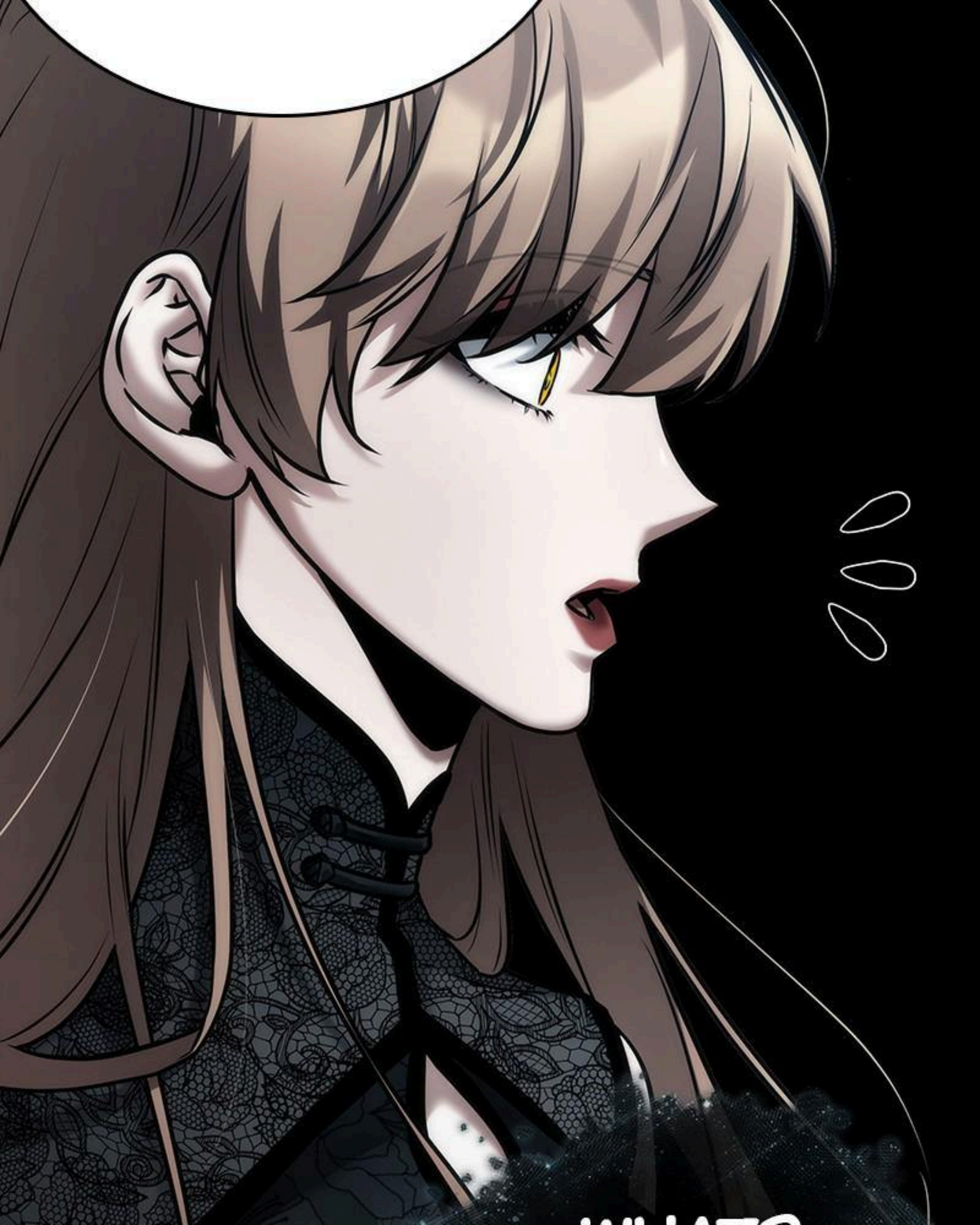
ARE YOU SURE YOU AREN'T INTERESTED IN SEEING...

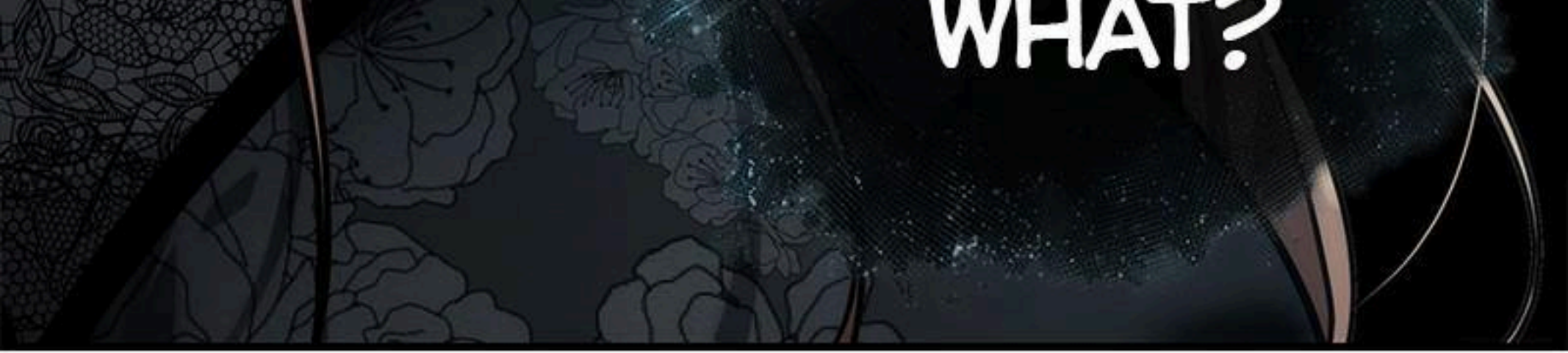
WHAT I MIGHT ACCOMPLISH IN THE FUTURE?

YOU SURE HAVE A WAY WITH WORDS.

BUT I DON'T SEE HOW THIS IS A *DEAL*.

WELL, YOU CAN CALL IT A *COURTSHIP*.



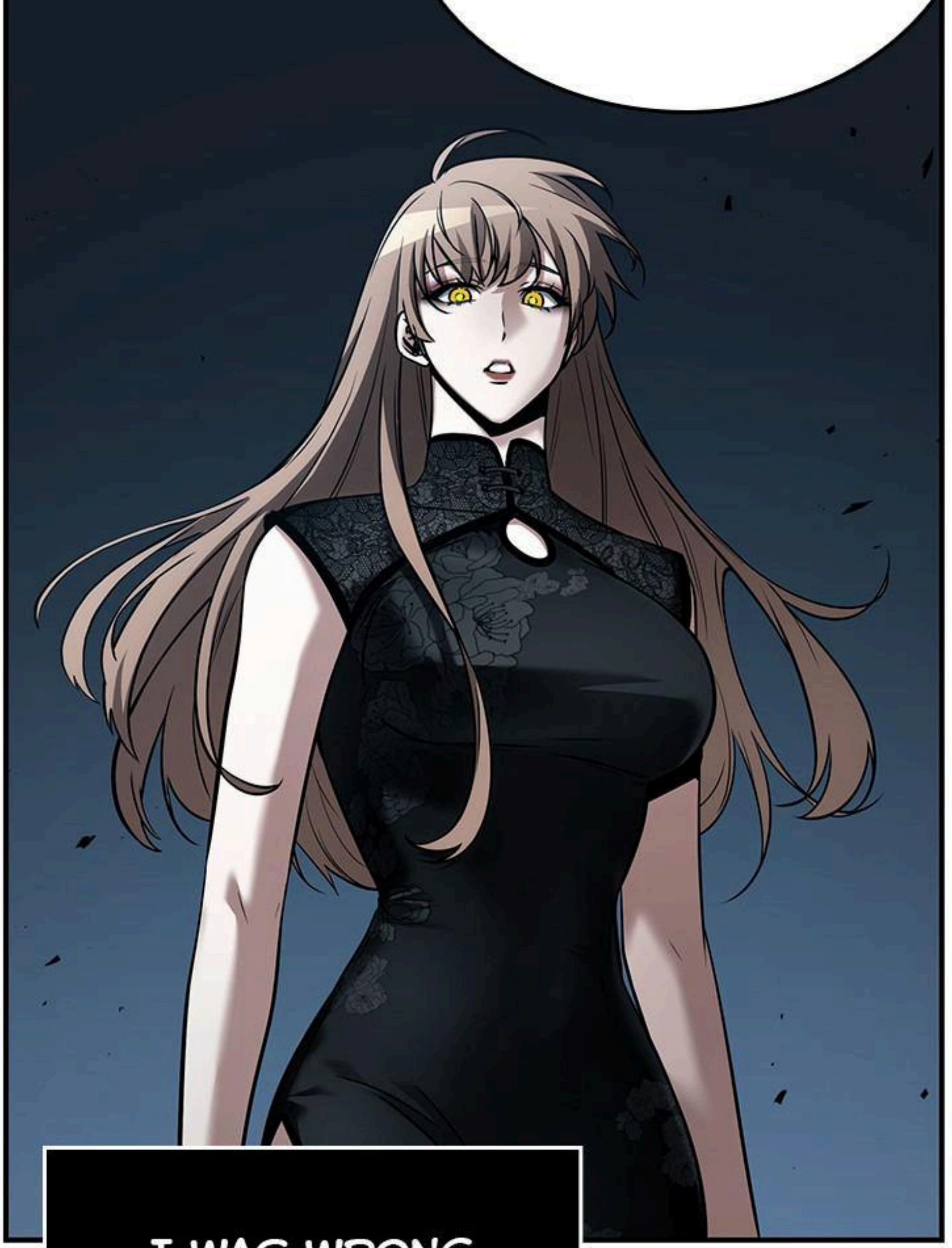

WHAT?

GRIN

BECAUSE I'M SERIOUS RIGHT NOW.

I CAN CREATE A STORY FOR YOU THAT'S UNLIKE ANY OF THE ONES YOU KNOW...

A STORY TO KEEP YOU ON YOUR TOES AT ALL TIMES.



I WAS WRONG
TO THINK THAT

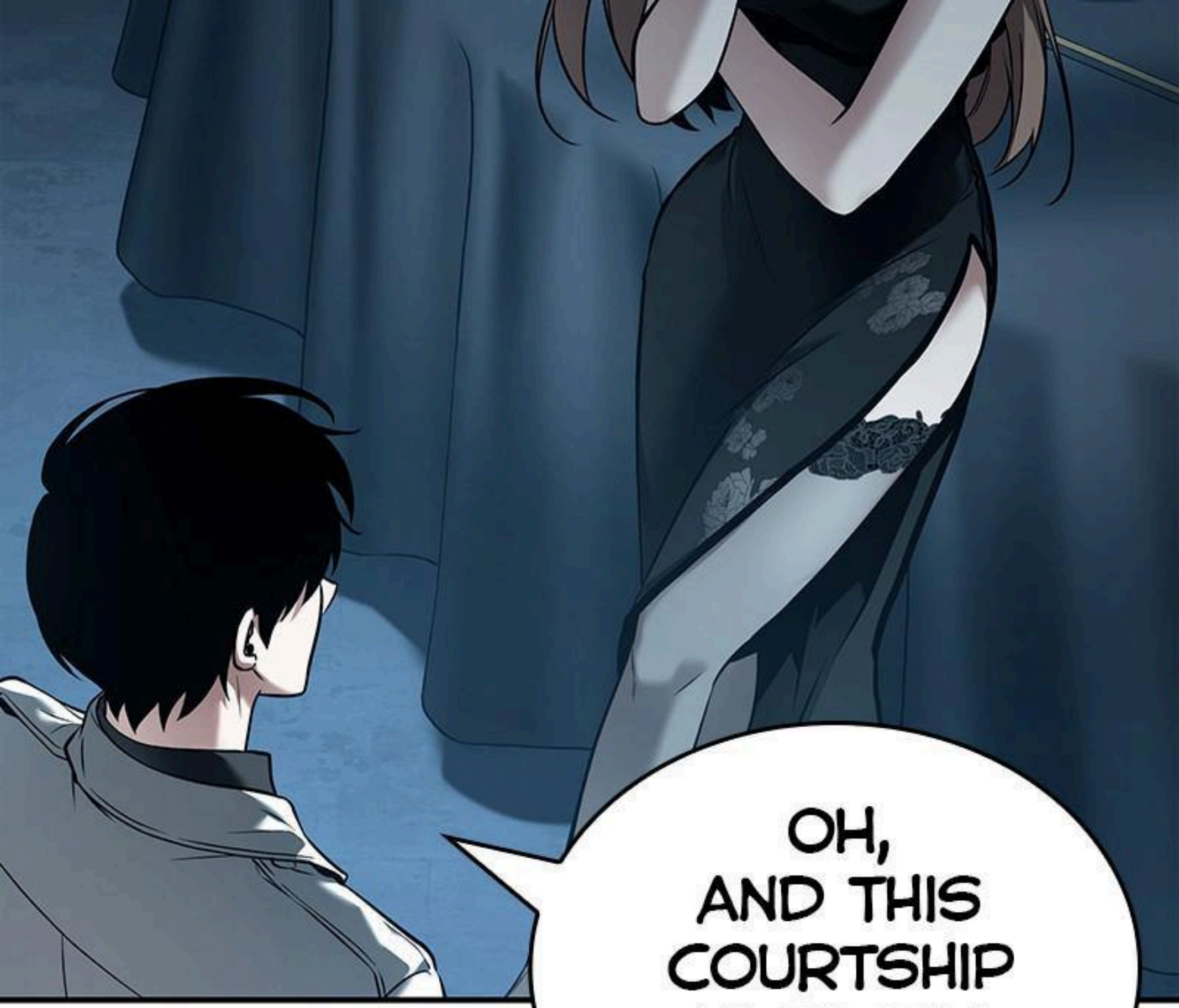
I COULD STRIKE A *DEAL* WITH A CONSTELLATION.

WHAT CONSTELLATION IN THEIR RIGHT MIND WOULD AGREE TO SOMETHING LIKE THAT WITH A LOWLY INCARNATION?

SO THE ONLY CHOICE I HAVE IS TO BLUFF MY WAY OUT OF IT.

HMM, I
DON'T KNOW...

A BLUFF THAT HAS A BIT OF SINCERITY AT LEAST.


OH,
AND THIS
COURTSHIP
IS TO WIN
OVER...

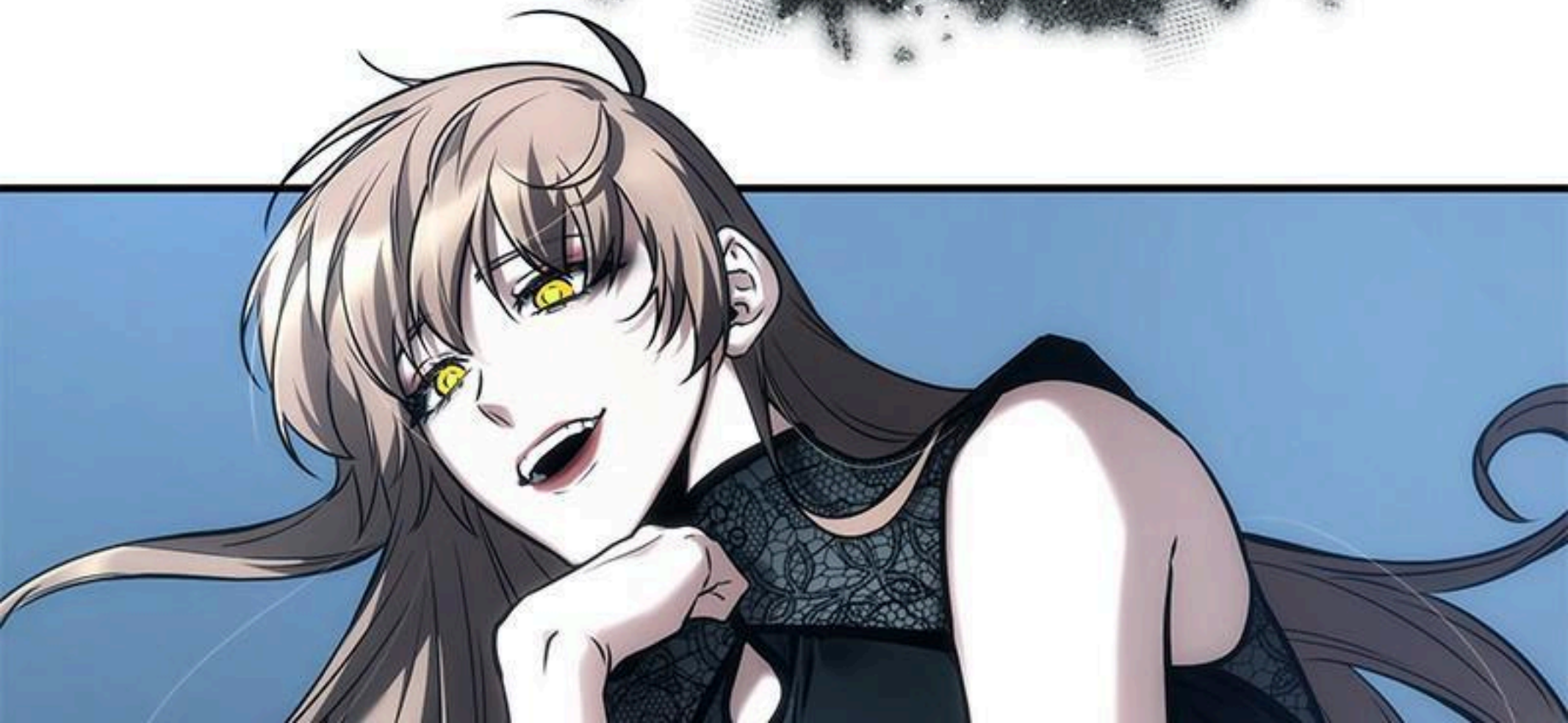
...THE FATHER OF THE RICH NIGHT, NOT YOU.

!

HAHAHAHA!

HOW
AMUSING.

I WILL GIVE
YOU *LABOR*
TO DO.



YOU

PROMISED ME
AN ENTERTAINING
STORY.

!

IF YOU DO JUST

IF YOU DO JUST
THAT, I WILL FIND
YOU THE SOUL
YOU'RE HERE FOR.

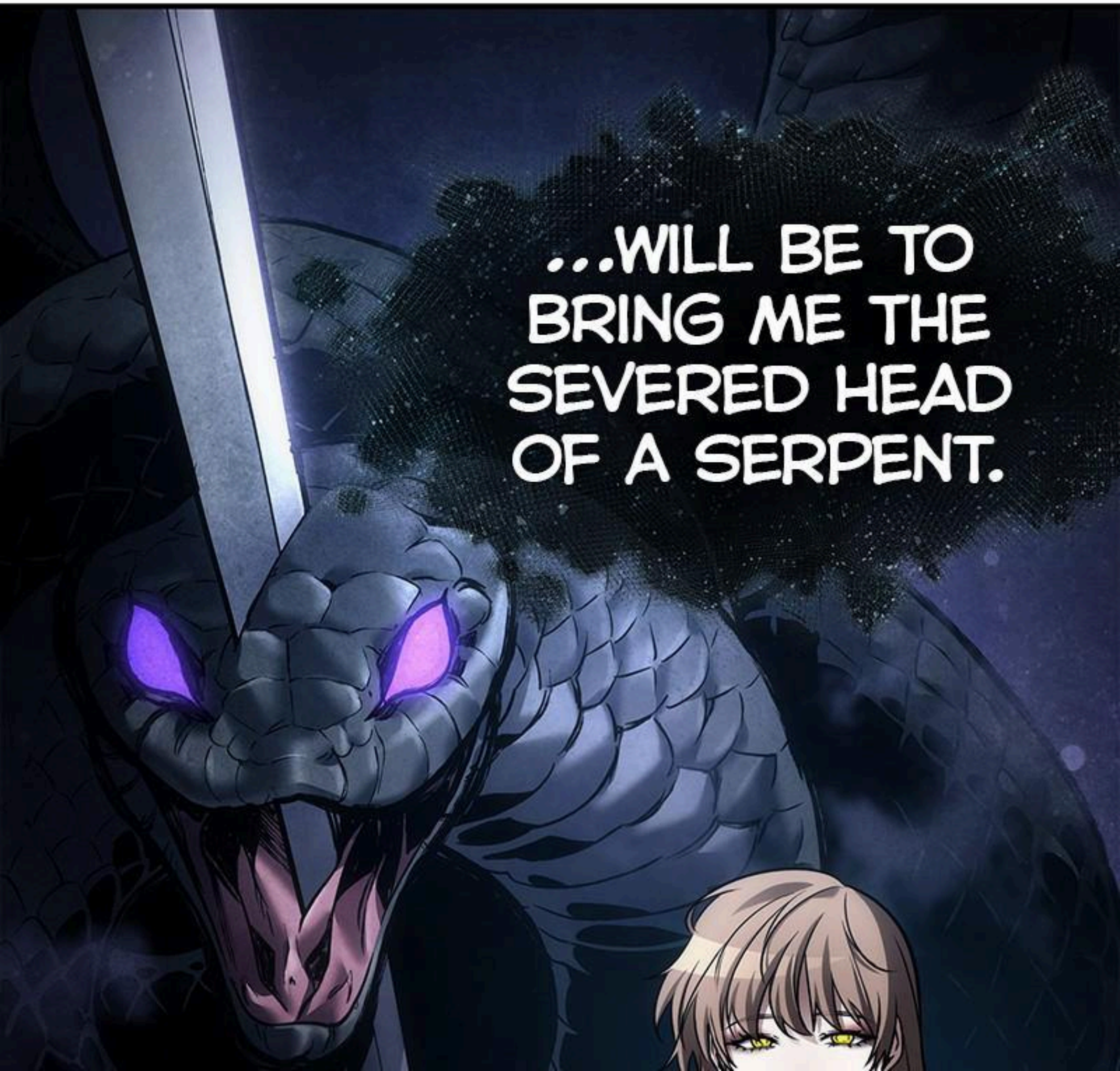
RUNNING

[A NEW *HIDDEN SCENARIO*
HAS BEEN ACTIVATED.]

LABOR...

COME TO THINK OF IT, HERCULES CARRIED OUT THE *12 LABORS.*

YOUR LABOR...


...WILL BE TO
BRING ME THE
SEVERED HEAD
OF A SERPENT.

A
SERPENT...?

DO YOU MEAN THE SERPENT WITH MANY HEADS?

THE TIER 2 MONSTER, *HYDRA...?!*

I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT HYDRA.

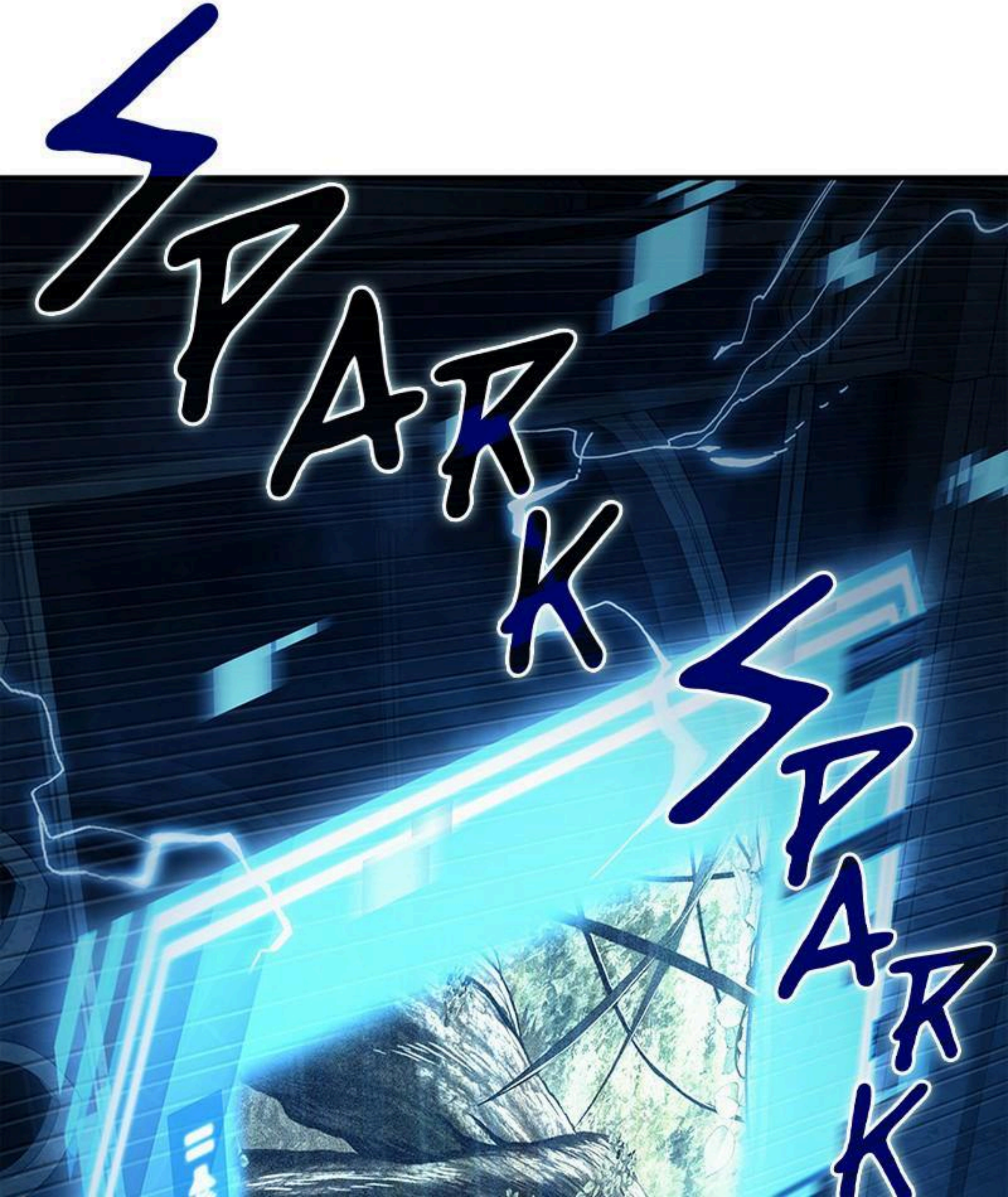
PEOPLE WILL SAY THAT YOU'RE IMITATING WHAT HERCULES DID IF YOU DO THAT.

THE SERPENT YOU MUST KILL IS ELSEWHERE.

BUT I CANNOT GO TOO FAR SINCE I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF A SCENARIO.

DON'T WORRY. YOU WILL FIND THE SERPENT AT YOUR DESTINATION.

SNAP


SPARK
SPARK

...
KAAA

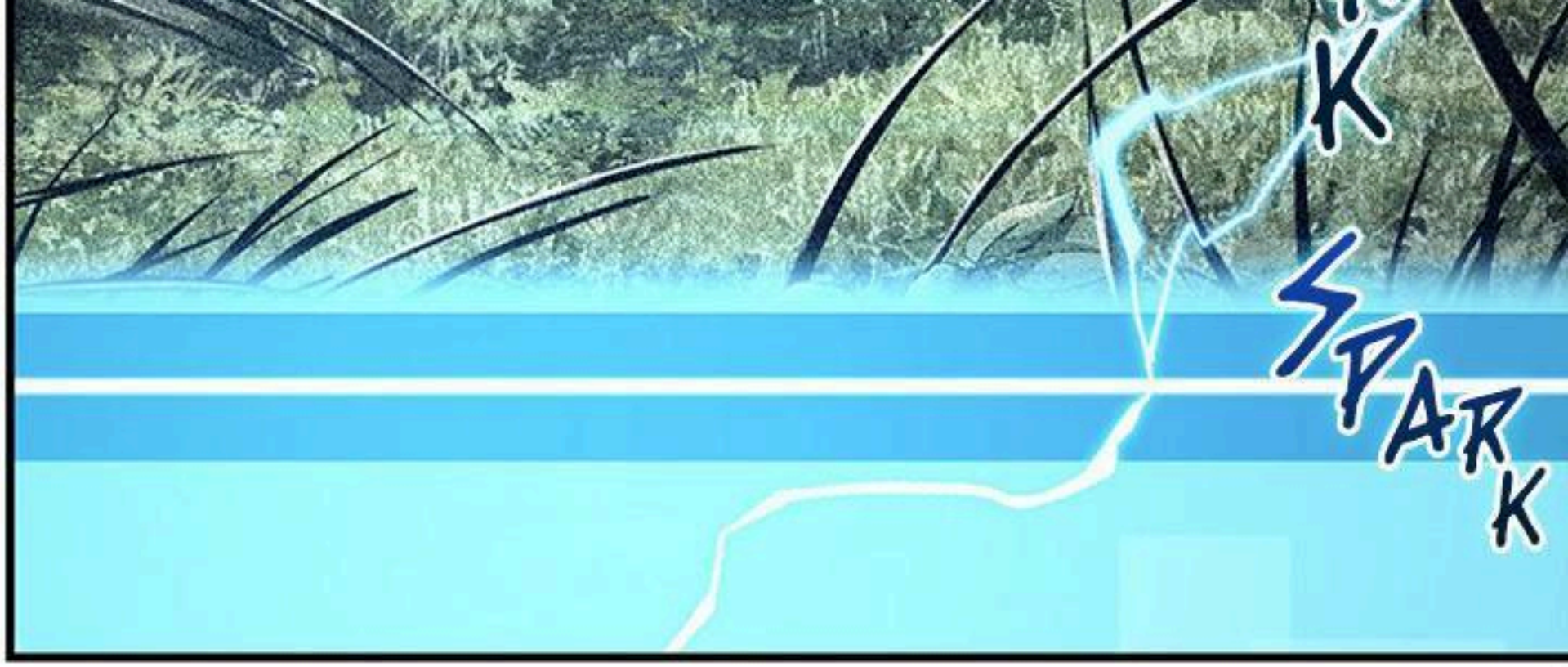
SO THIS IS HOW SHE KEPT TABS ON US.
IS THAT

IS THAT...

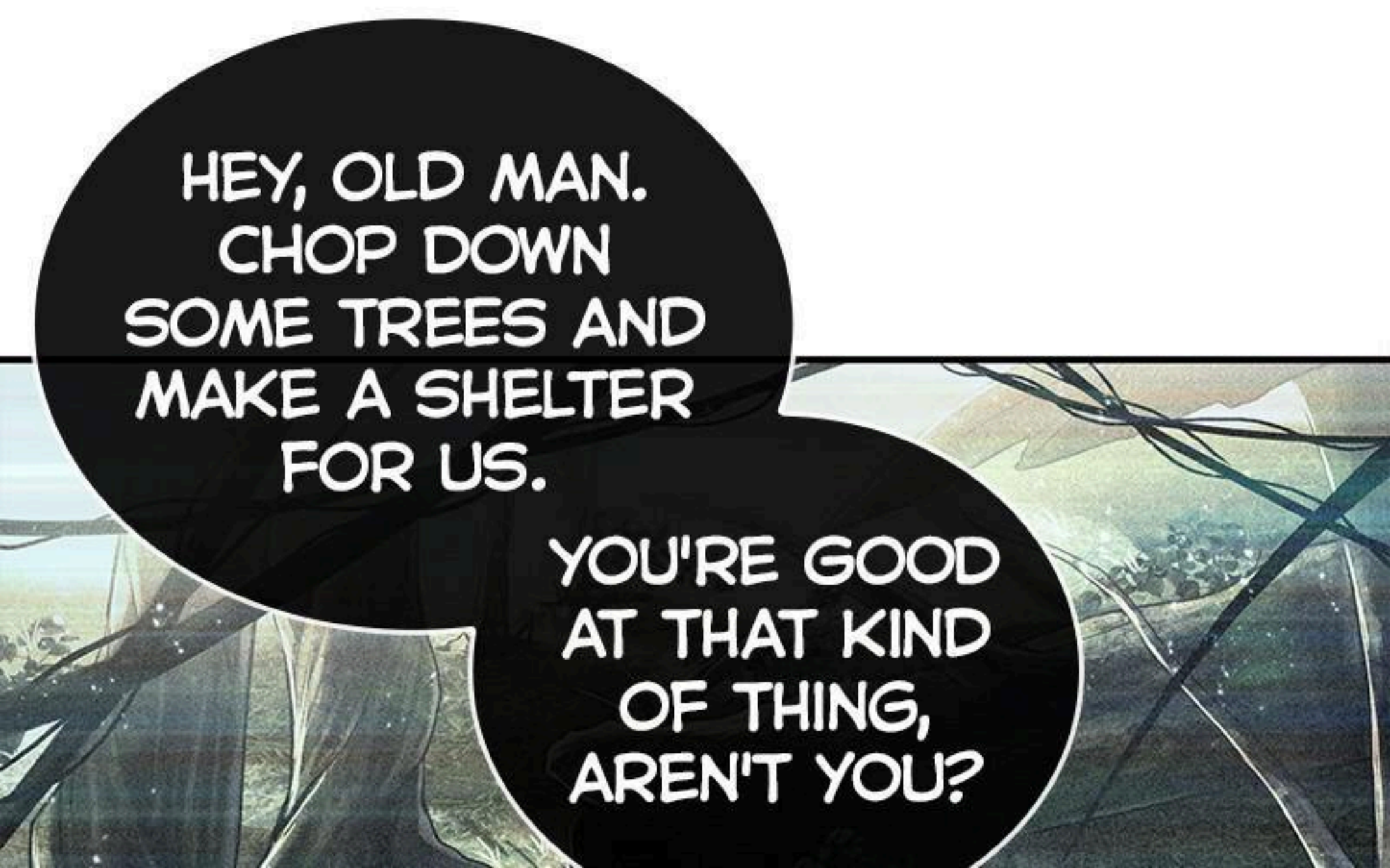
...THE STAGE OF *THE SIXTH SCENARIO?*

LIVE ON

SPARK


SPARK

WAIT.
WHAT'S
THAT?


HEY, OLD MAN. CHOP DOWN SOME TREES AND MAKE A SHELTER FOR US.
YOU'RE GOOD AT THAT KIND OF THING, AREN'T YOU?

I'M IN REAL ESTATE, NOT PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT, YOU PUNK.

PILDU? AND SUYEONG?!

WHAT'S

WHAT'S GOING ON?!

BUT THE SIXTH SCENARIO COULDN'T HAVE STARTED YET!

I LIKE ON

SO? WHAT

DO YOU SAY?

IT MAY BE DIFFICULT...

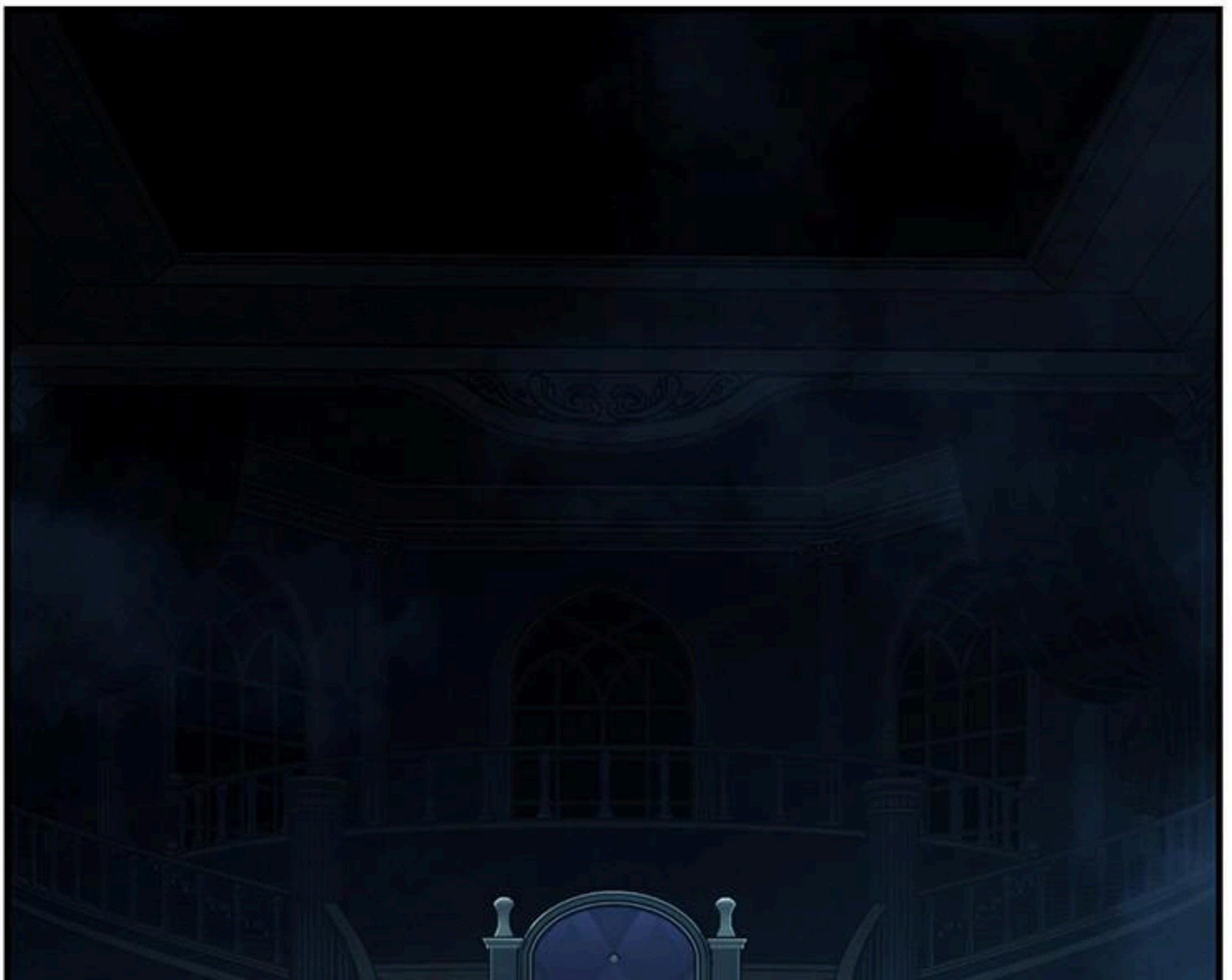
...BUT ANYTHING LESS WOULD NOT DESERVE TO BE

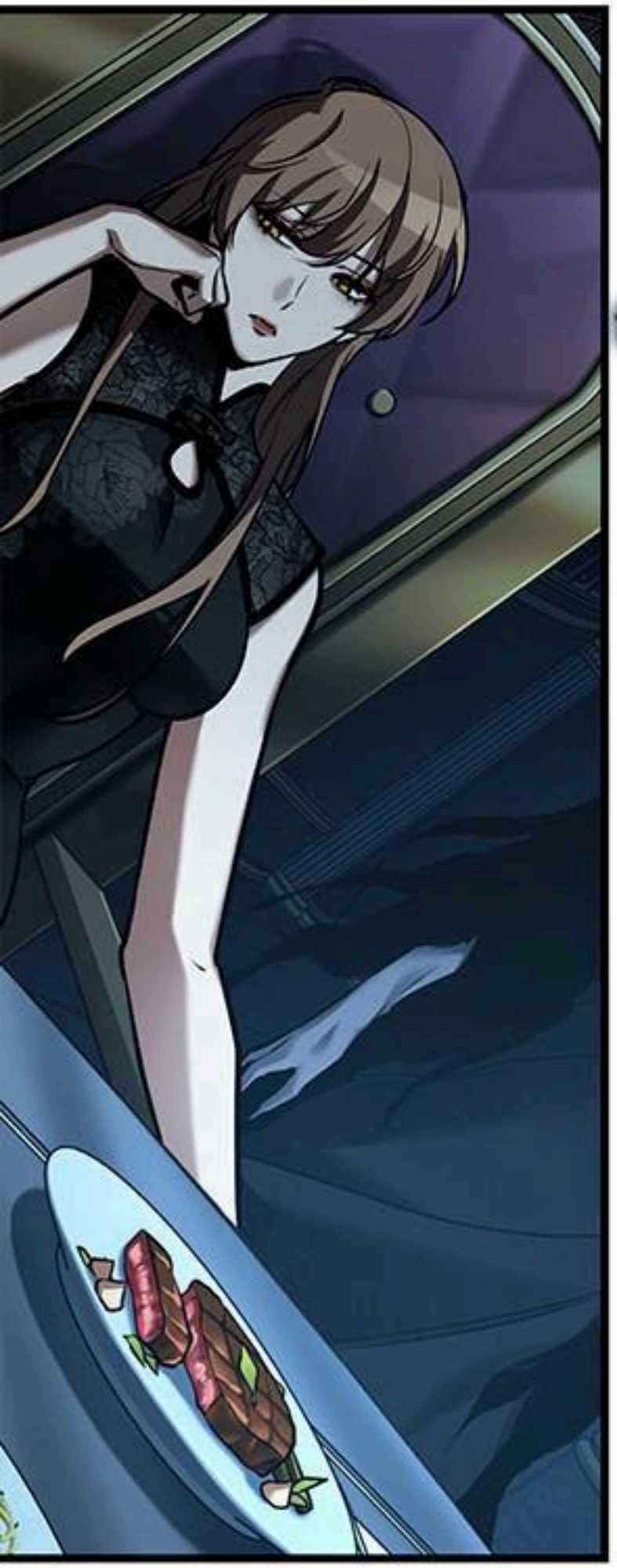
CALLED A *LABOR*.

I SEE.
THE *SERPENT* THAT

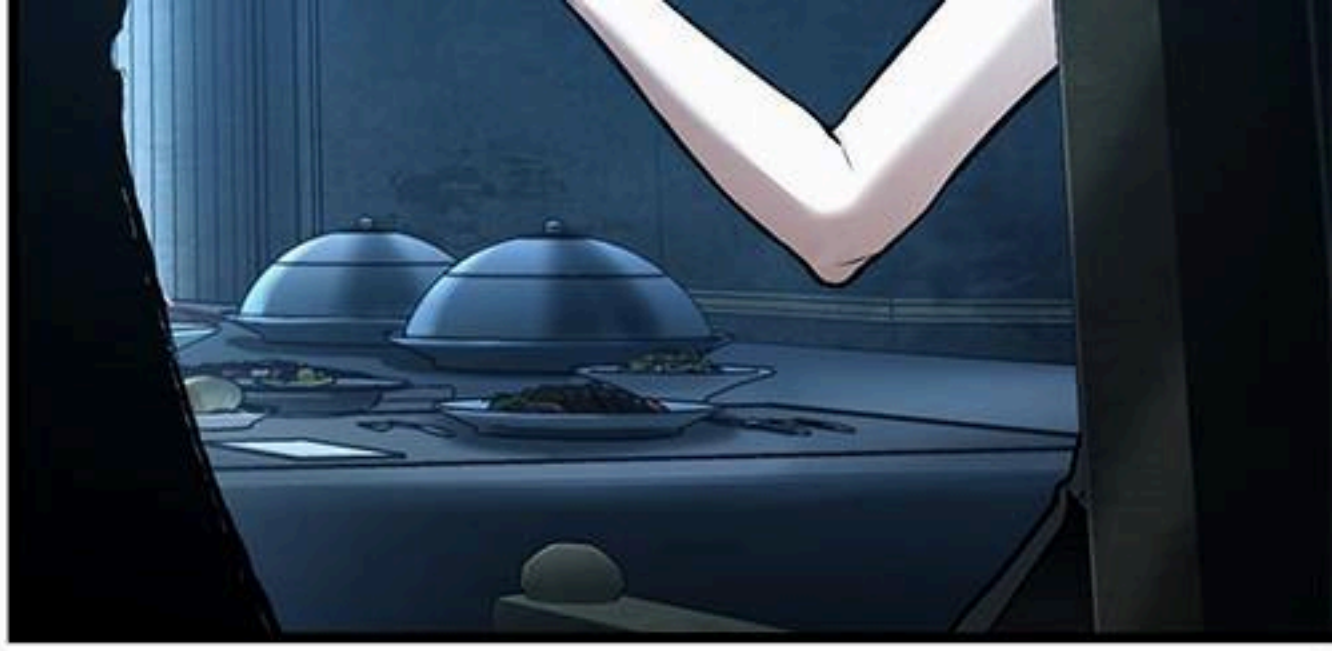
PERSEPHONE
WANTS IS...

I'LL DO IT.

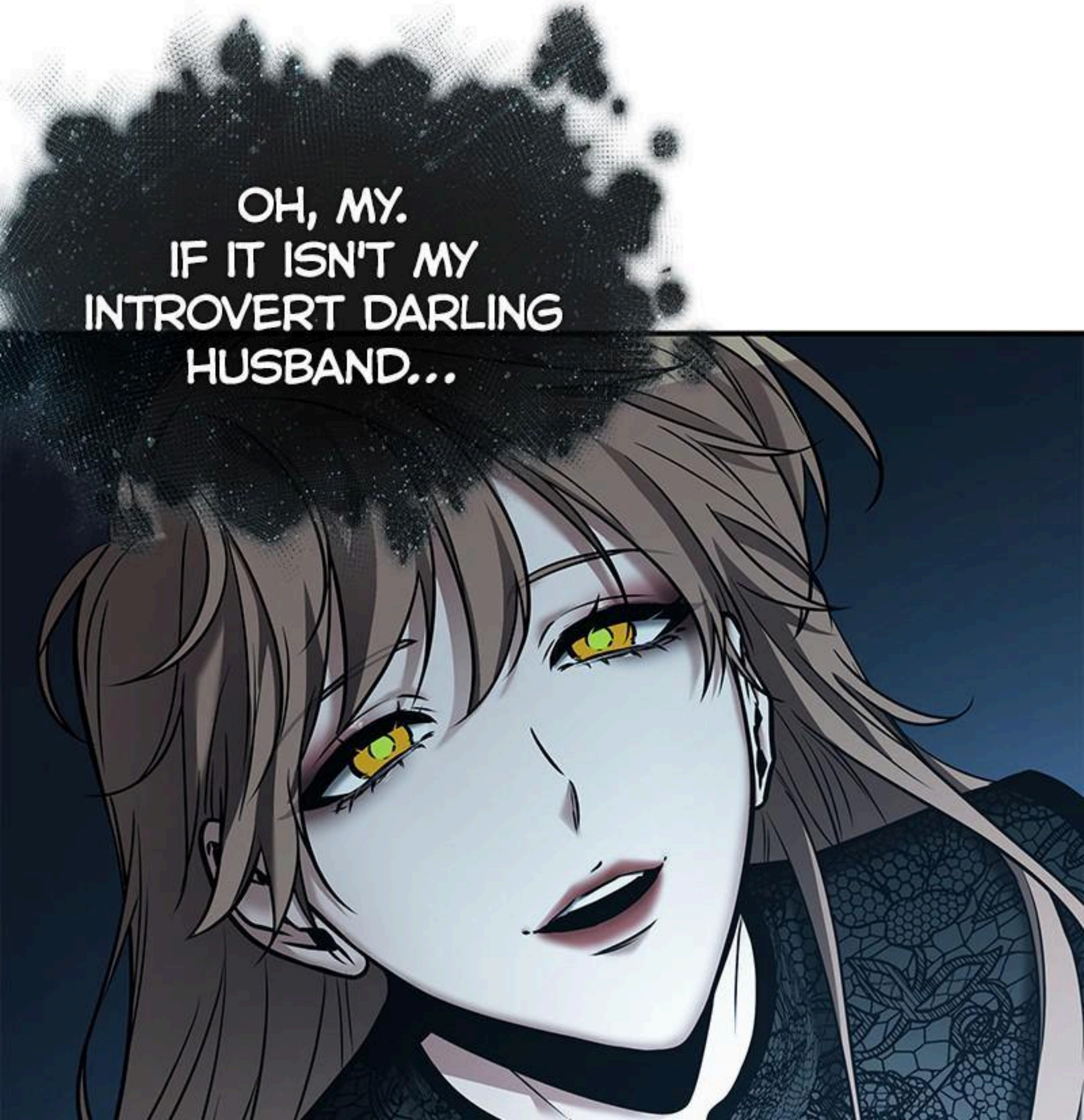




CLEAR
THE TABLE.
THESE TASTE
SO BLAND.
BOW



PERSEPHONE.
WHY DID YOU
DO THAT?


OH, MY.
IF IT ISN'T MY
INTROVERT DARLING
HUSBAND...

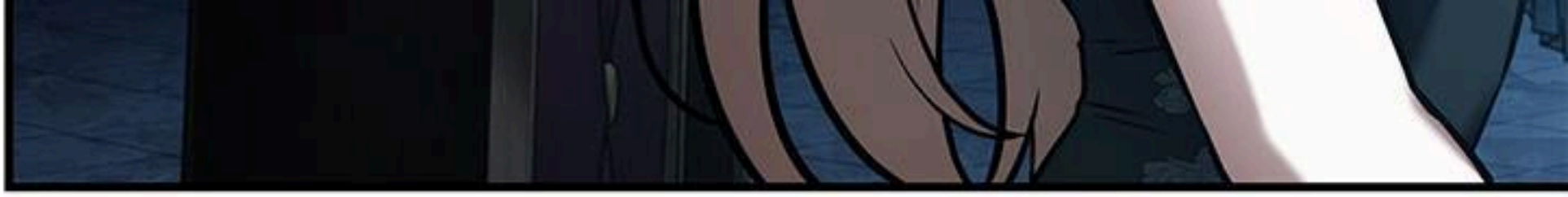
I ASKED YOU
A QUESTION.

BUT
THIS IS WHAT
YOU WANTED,
HADES.

I NEVER
ASKED FOR

AGREED FOR
THIS.

YOU
RARELY SHOW
ANY INTEREST IN
INCARNATIONS.

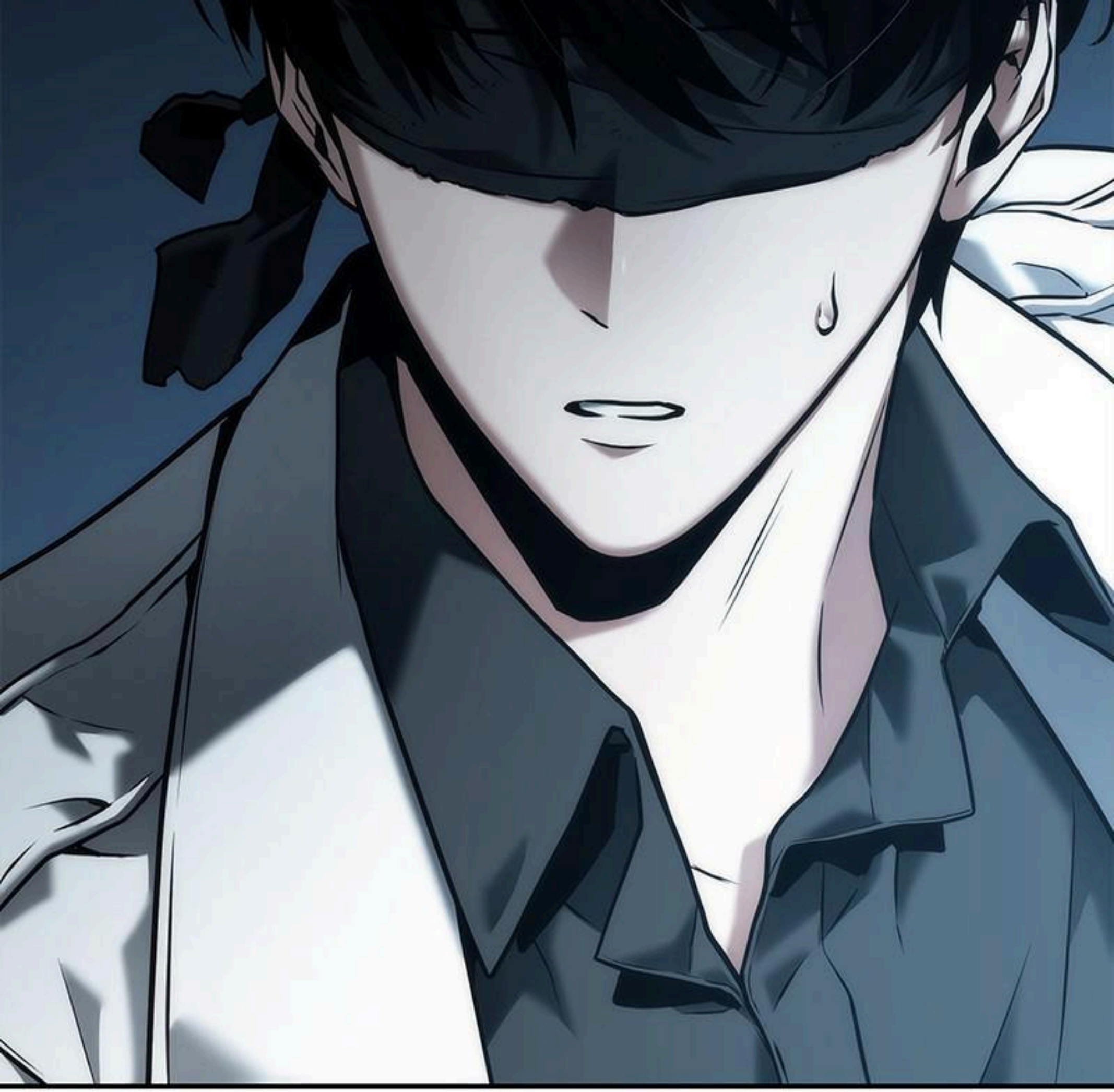


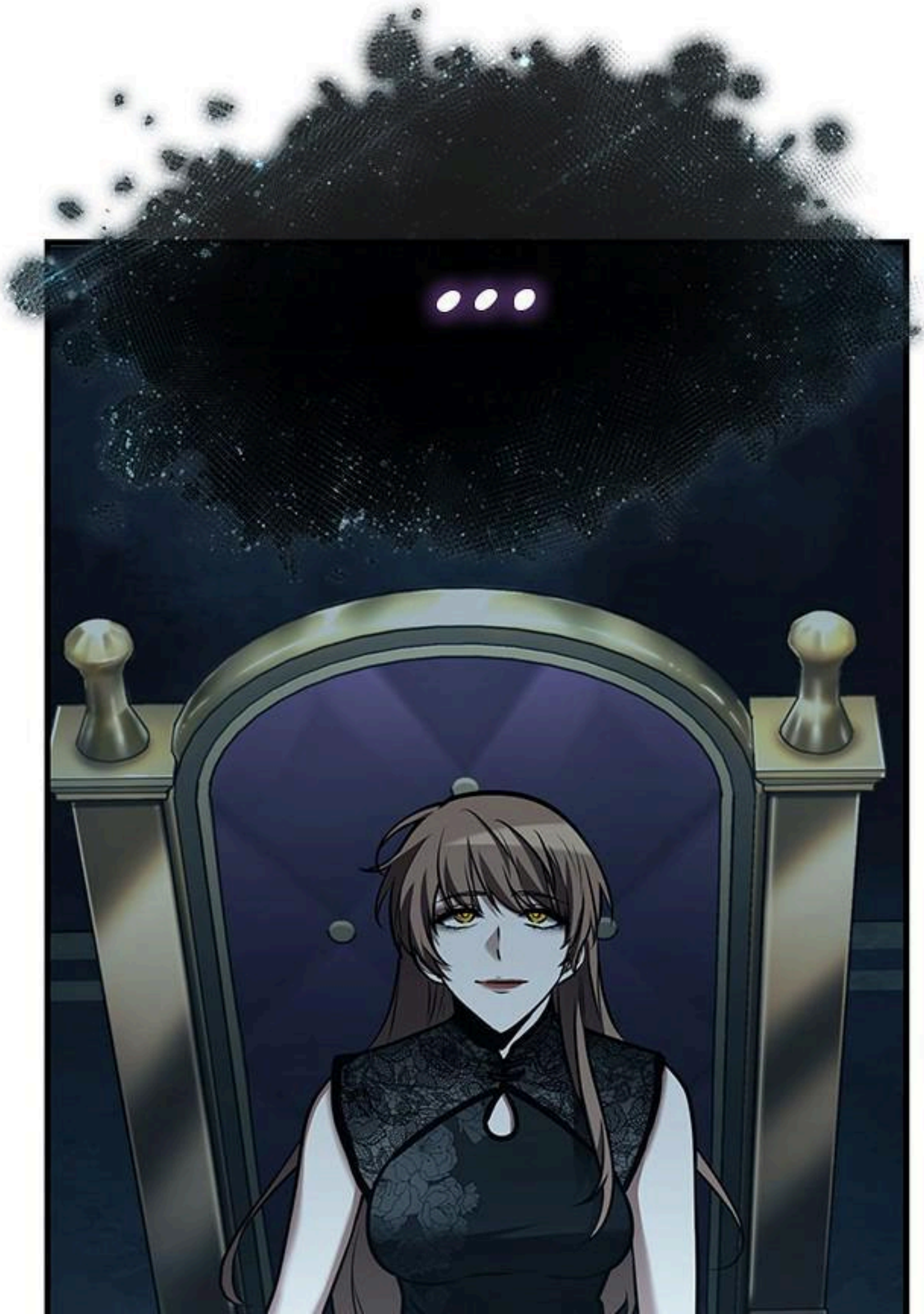
BUT HIM...

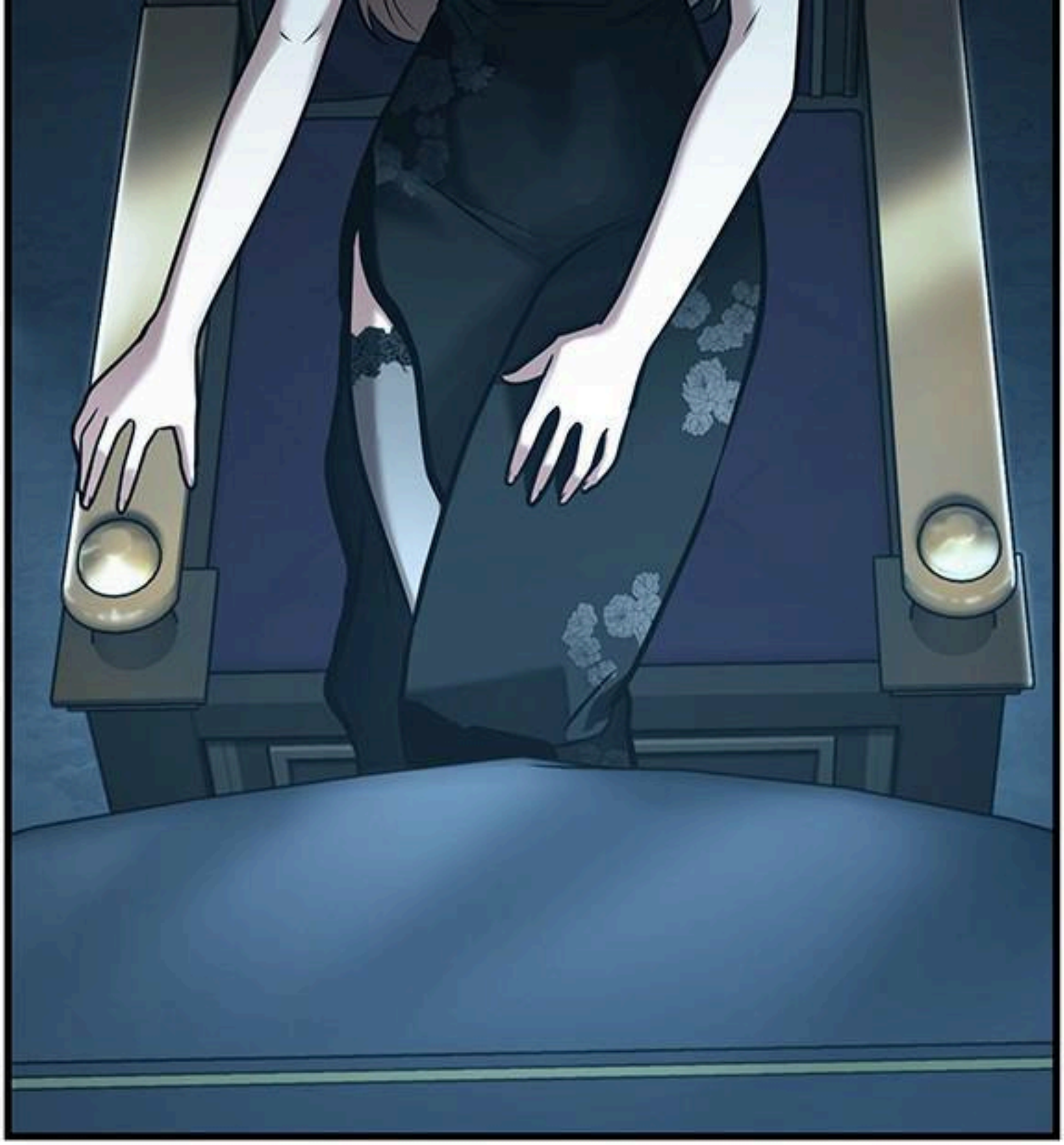
I THOUGHT YOU TOOK A LIKING TO HIM. WAS I MISTAKEN?

WHAT MADE YOU THINK THAT?

BECAUSE YOU
DIDN'T KILL HIM
THE MOMENT HE SET
FOOT IN THE
UNDERWORLD.

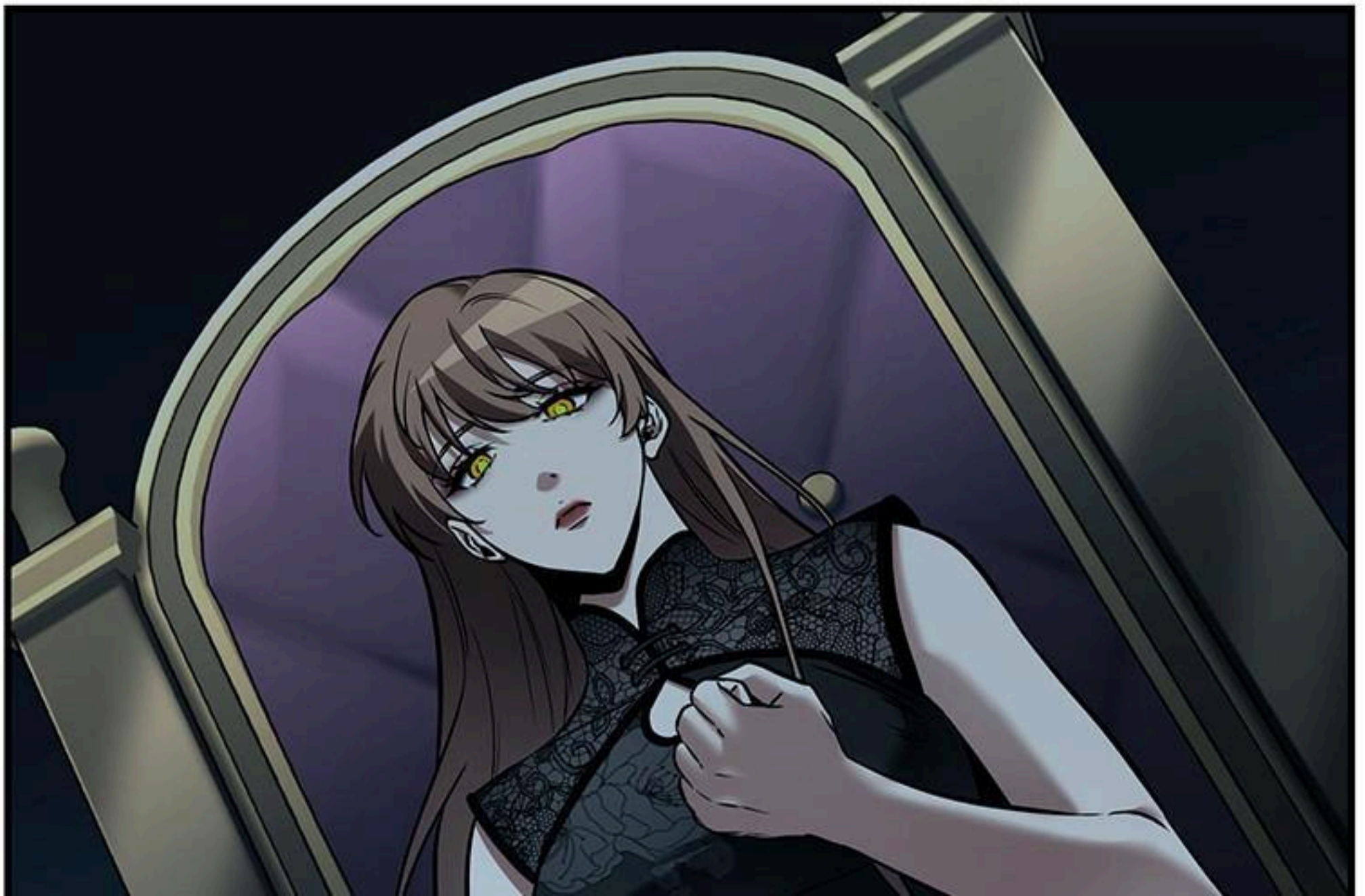






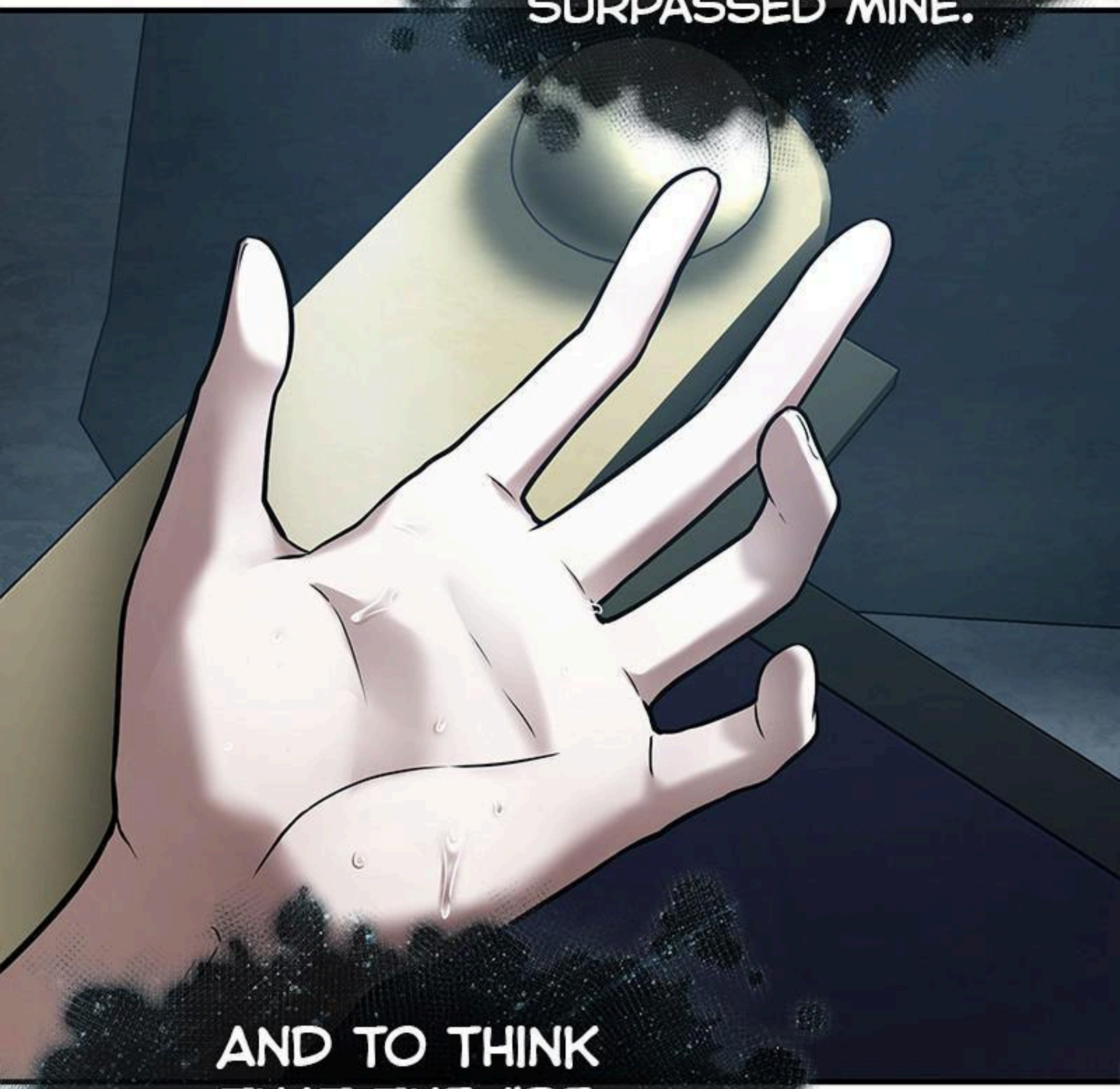
YOU'VE ALWAYS ENVIED ZEUS WHO HAD HERCULES.

SO I TOOK THE INITIATIVE TO GET YOU WHAT YOU WANTED.



I MUST SAY,
I WAS RATHER
SURPRISED.

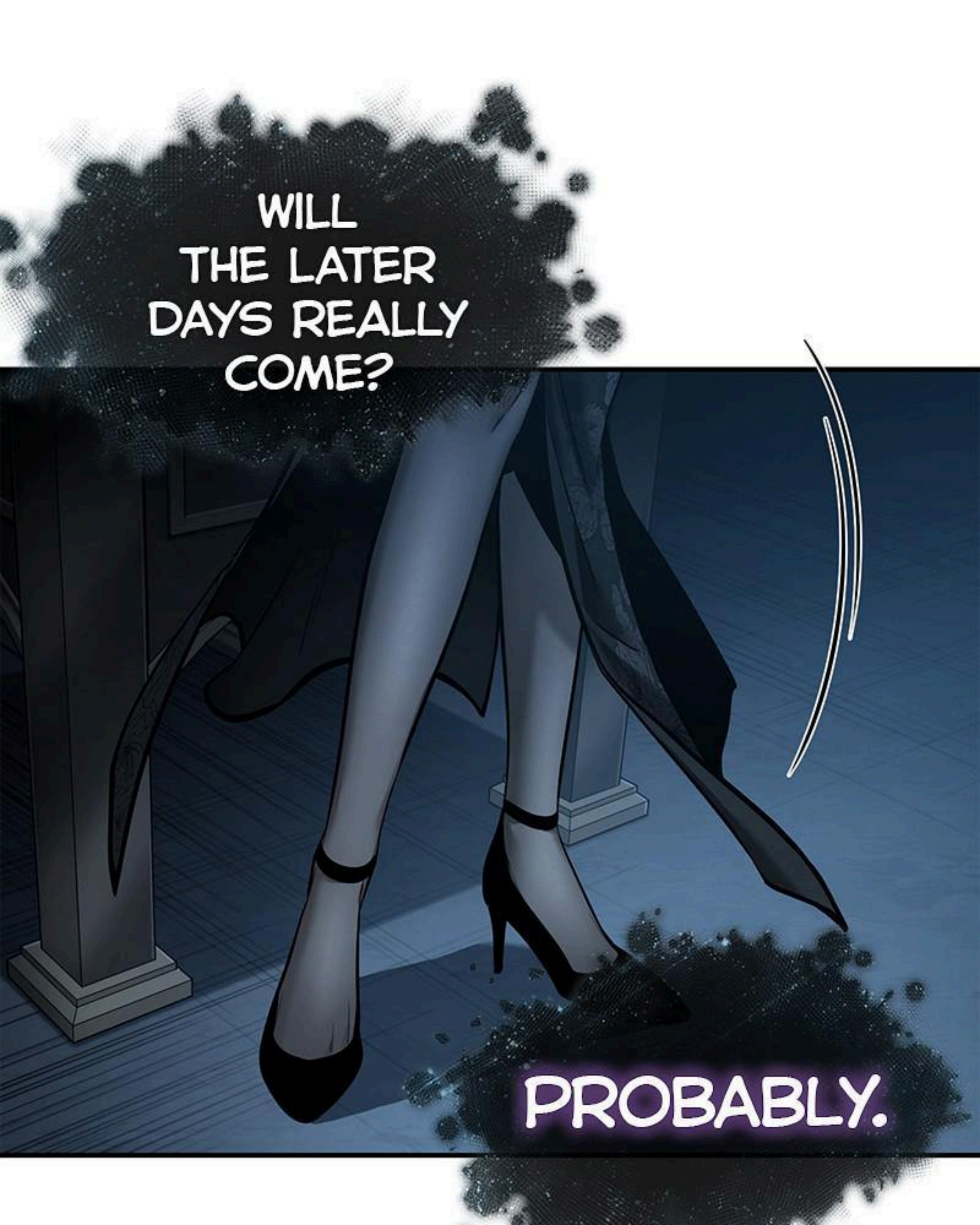
THERE WERE CONSTELLATIONS OUT THERE WITH POWERS THAT SURPASSED MINE.



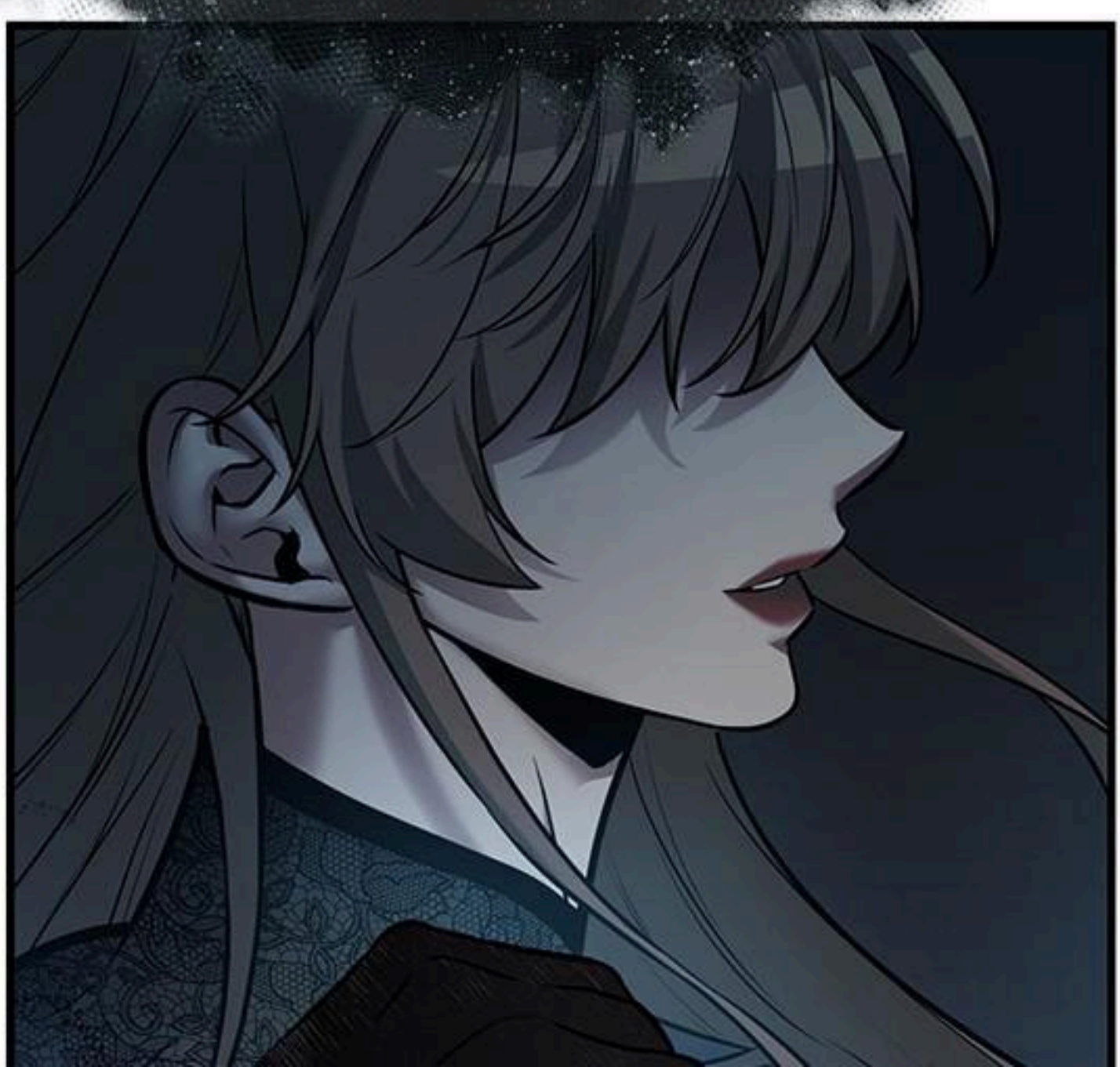
AND TO THINK

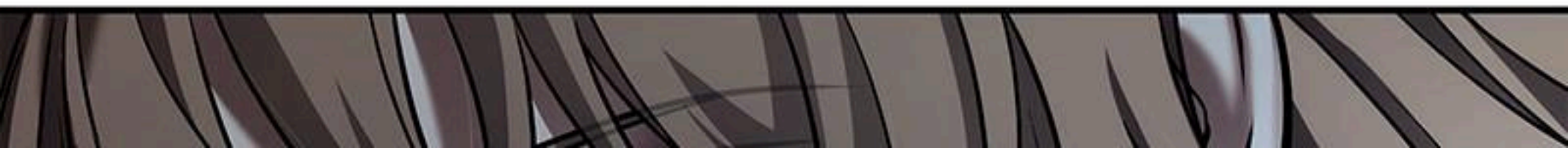
THAT THEY'RE ALL CHASING AFTER A MERE INCARNATION...

THE LATER DAYS
IS IMMINENT.


WILL
THE LATER
DAYS REALLY
COME?
PROBABLY.

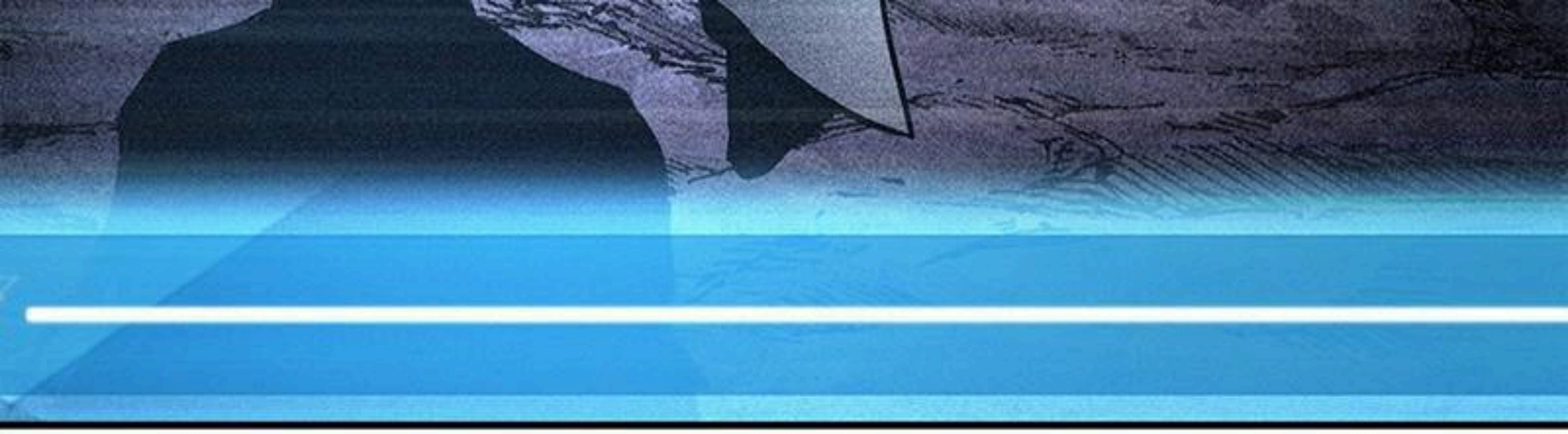
BUT YOU WILL REMAIN BY MY SIDE EVEN WHEN IT DOES, RIGHT?

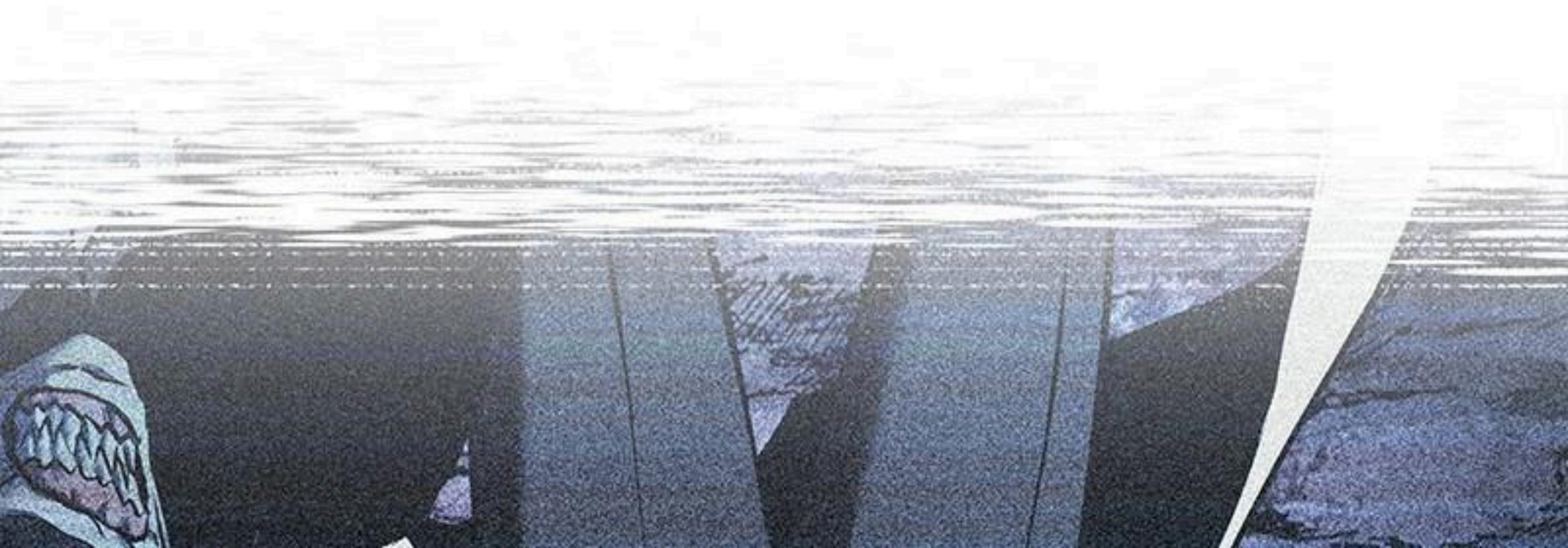




I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT STORY THAT CHILD WILL SHOW ME.

CHANNEL MASTE
SEVER : KOREA





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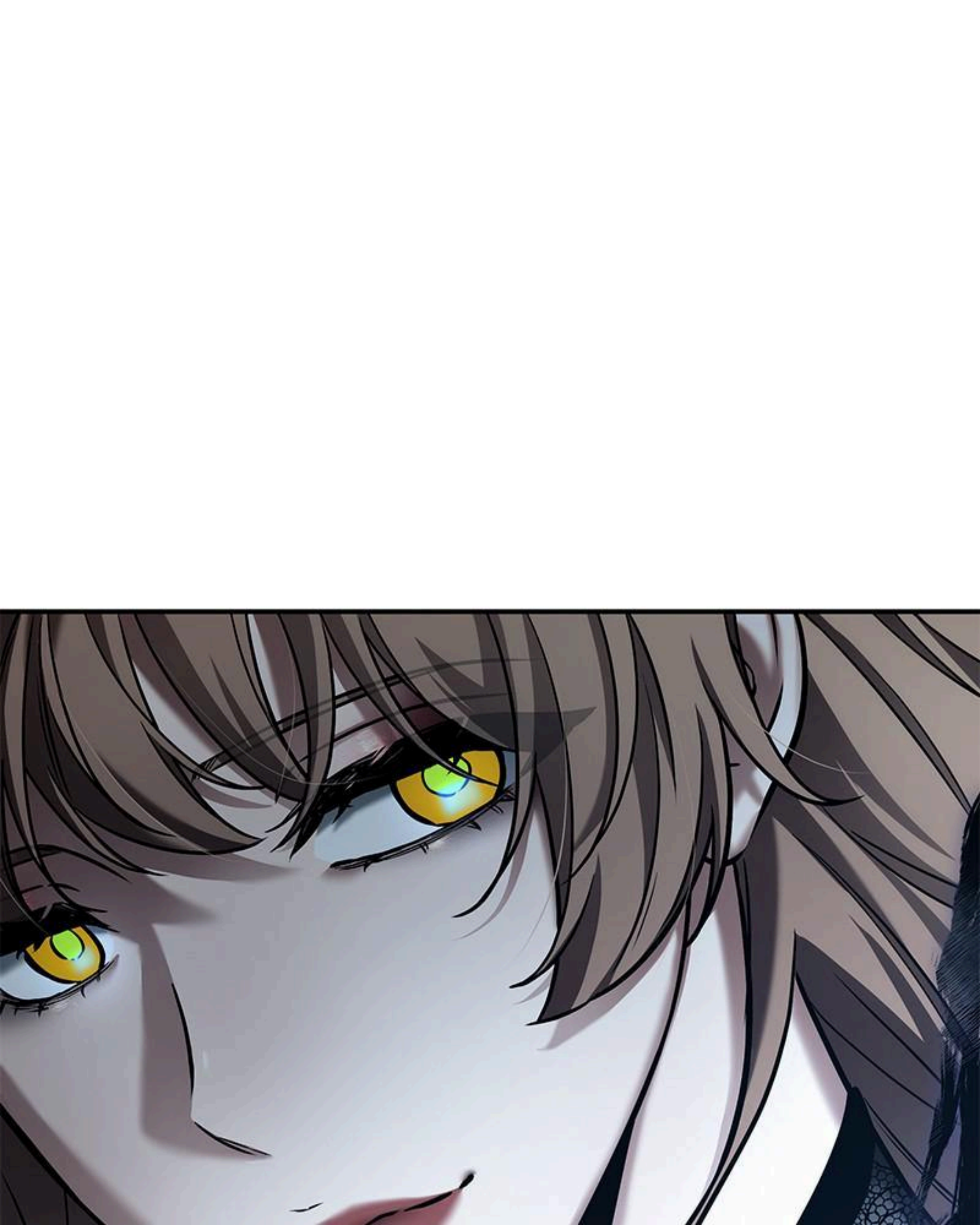

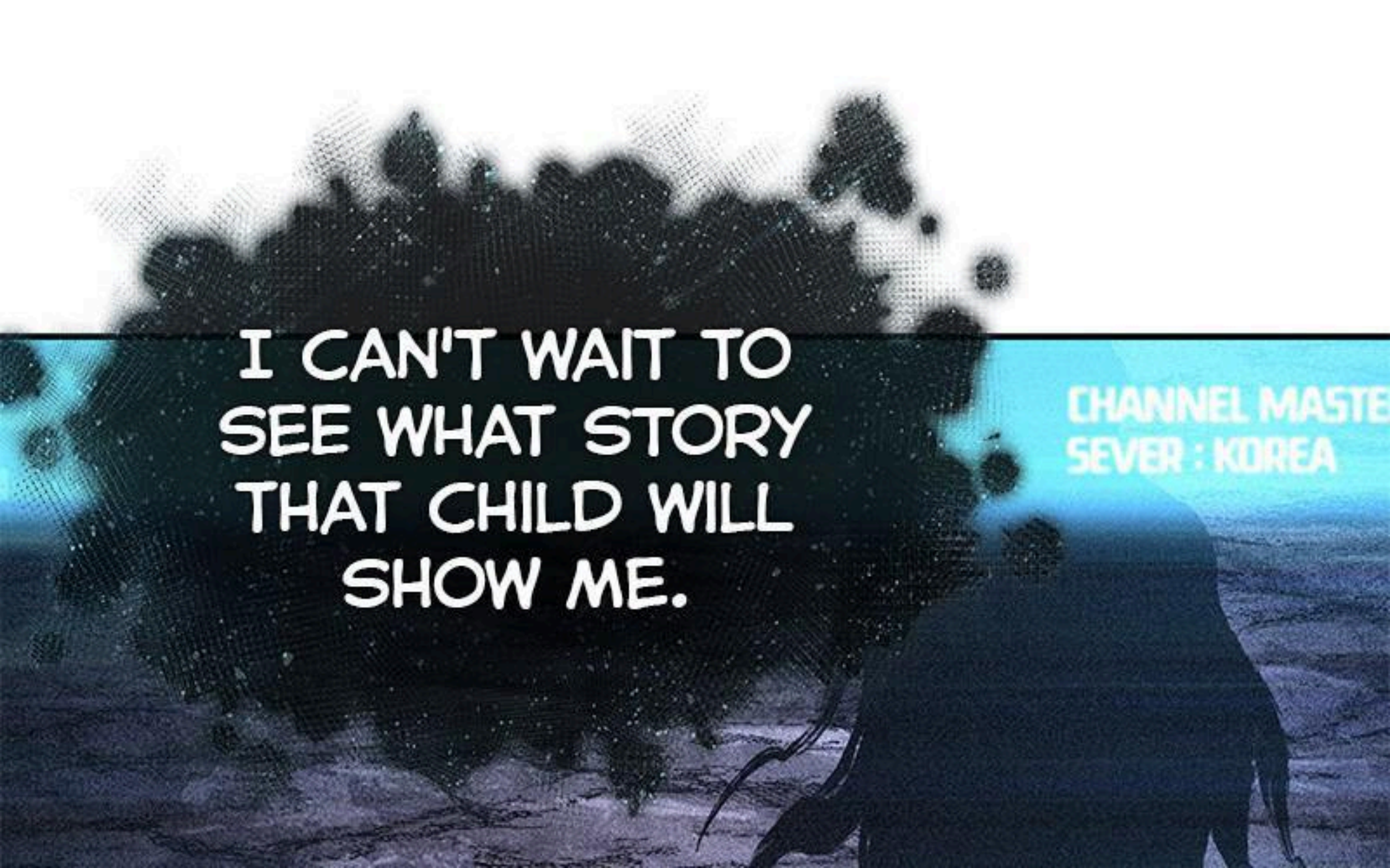
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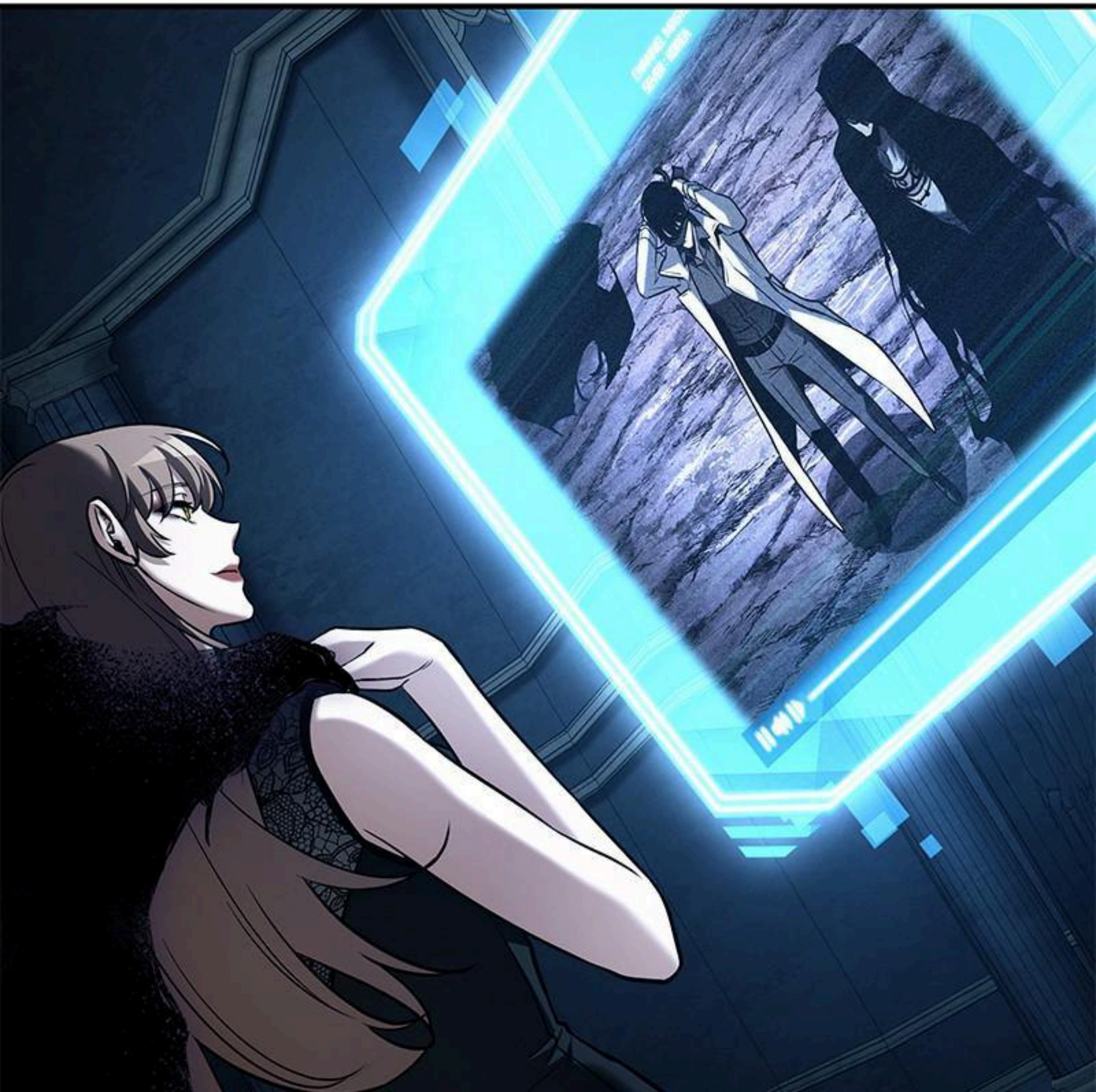
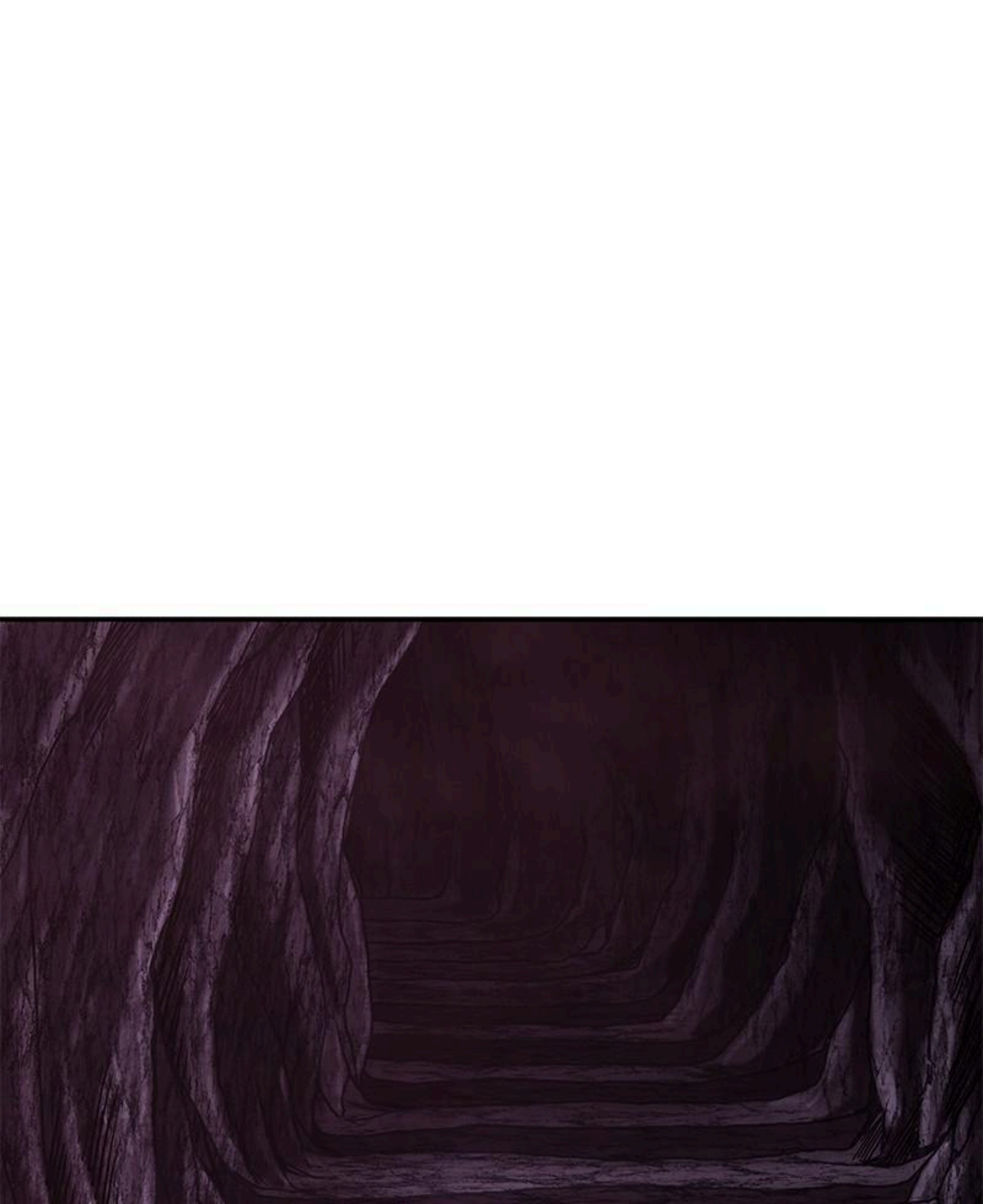
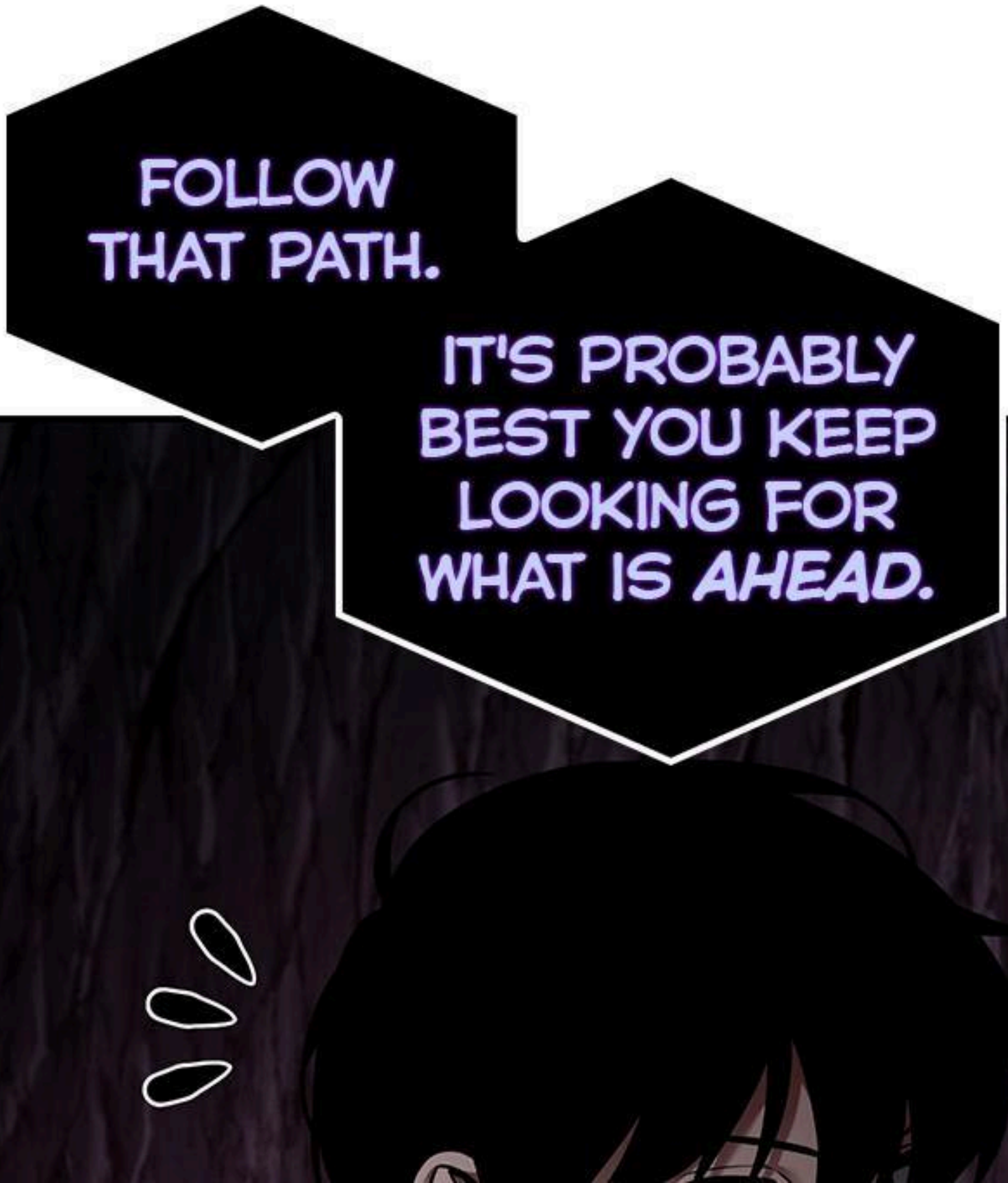
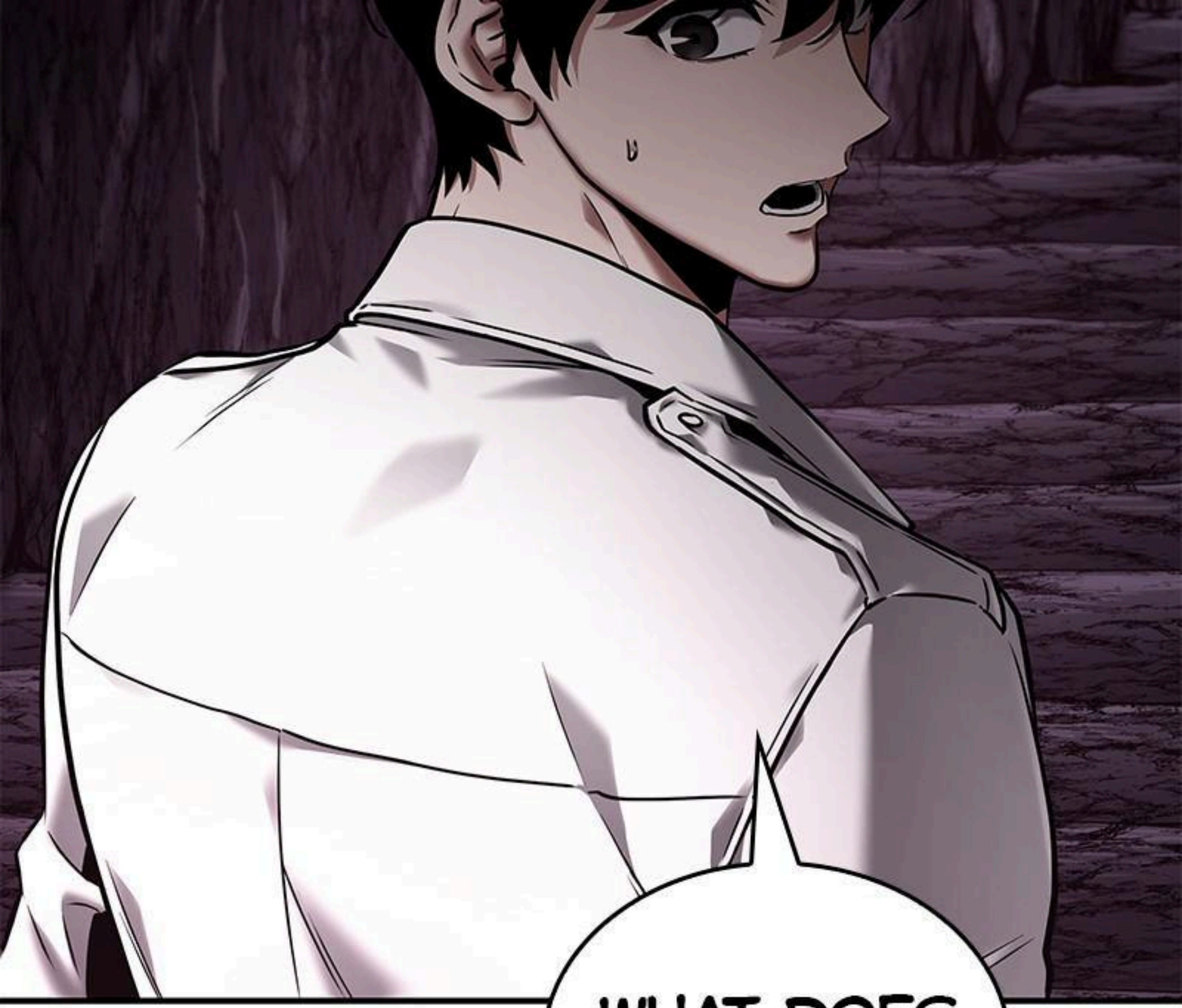
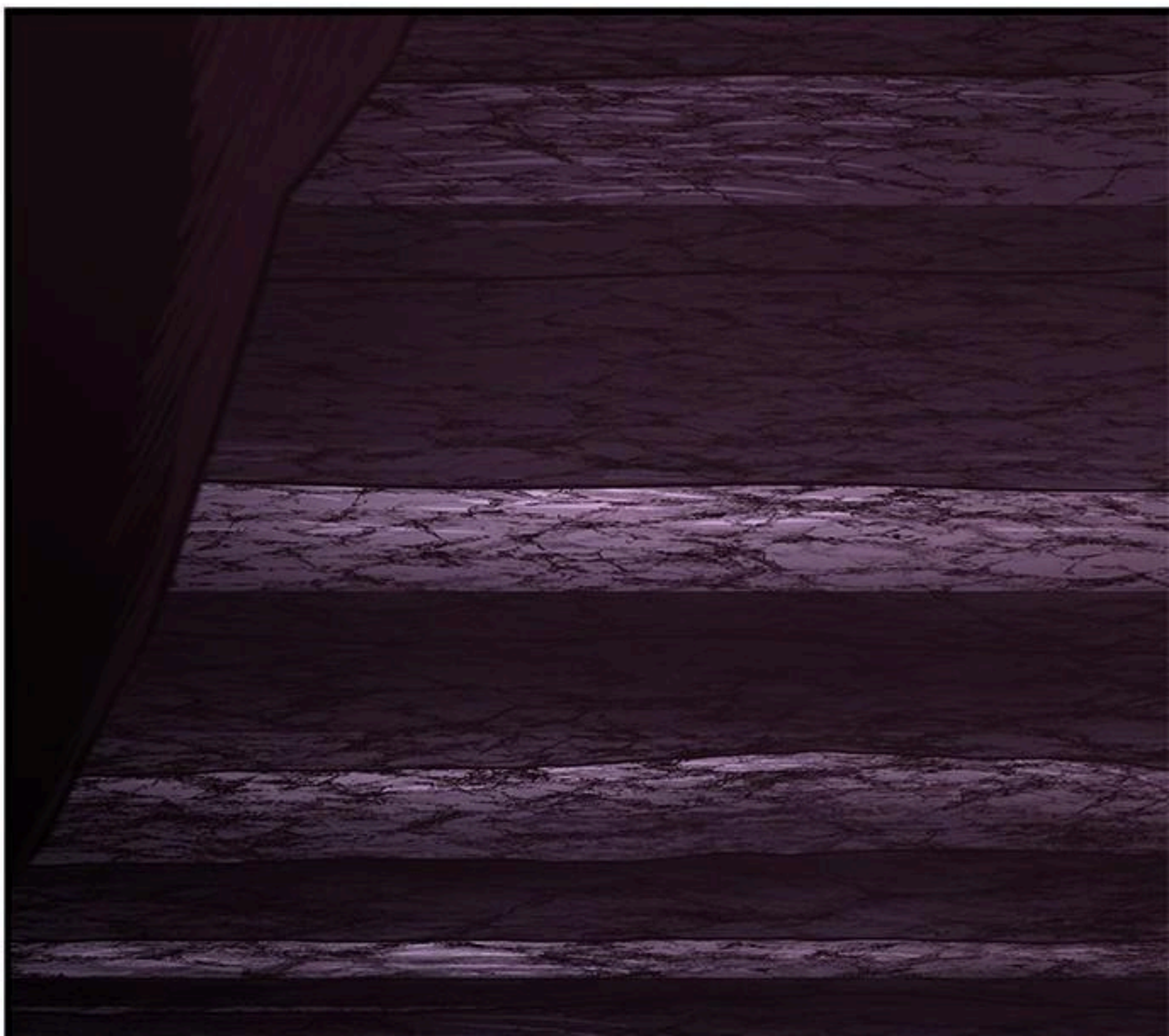
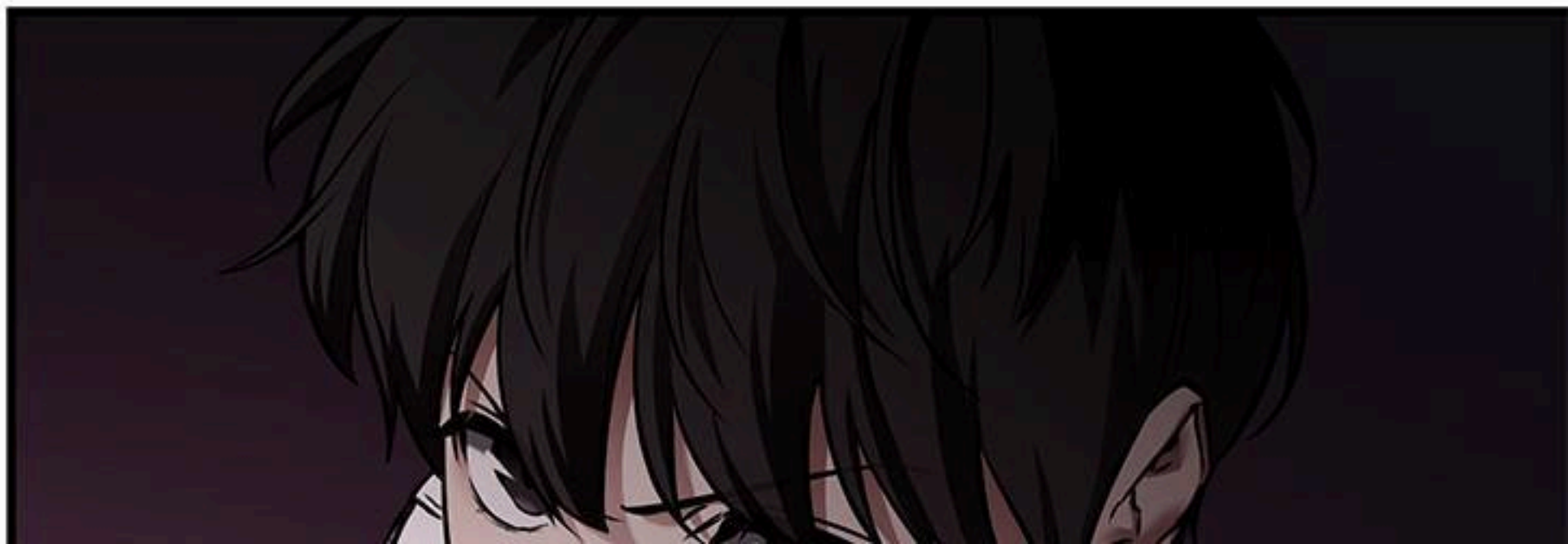





FOLLOW THAT PATH.
IT'S PROBABLY BEST YOU KEEP LOOKING FOR WHAT IS *AHEAD*.


WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?





IN THE LEGEND OF ORPHEUS,

HE WAS TOLD TO NOT LOOK BEHIND HIM ON HIS WAY BACK TO THE LIVING REALM.

IT'S DARK.
I GUESS
I JUST NEED TO
KEEP WALKING
FORWARD.

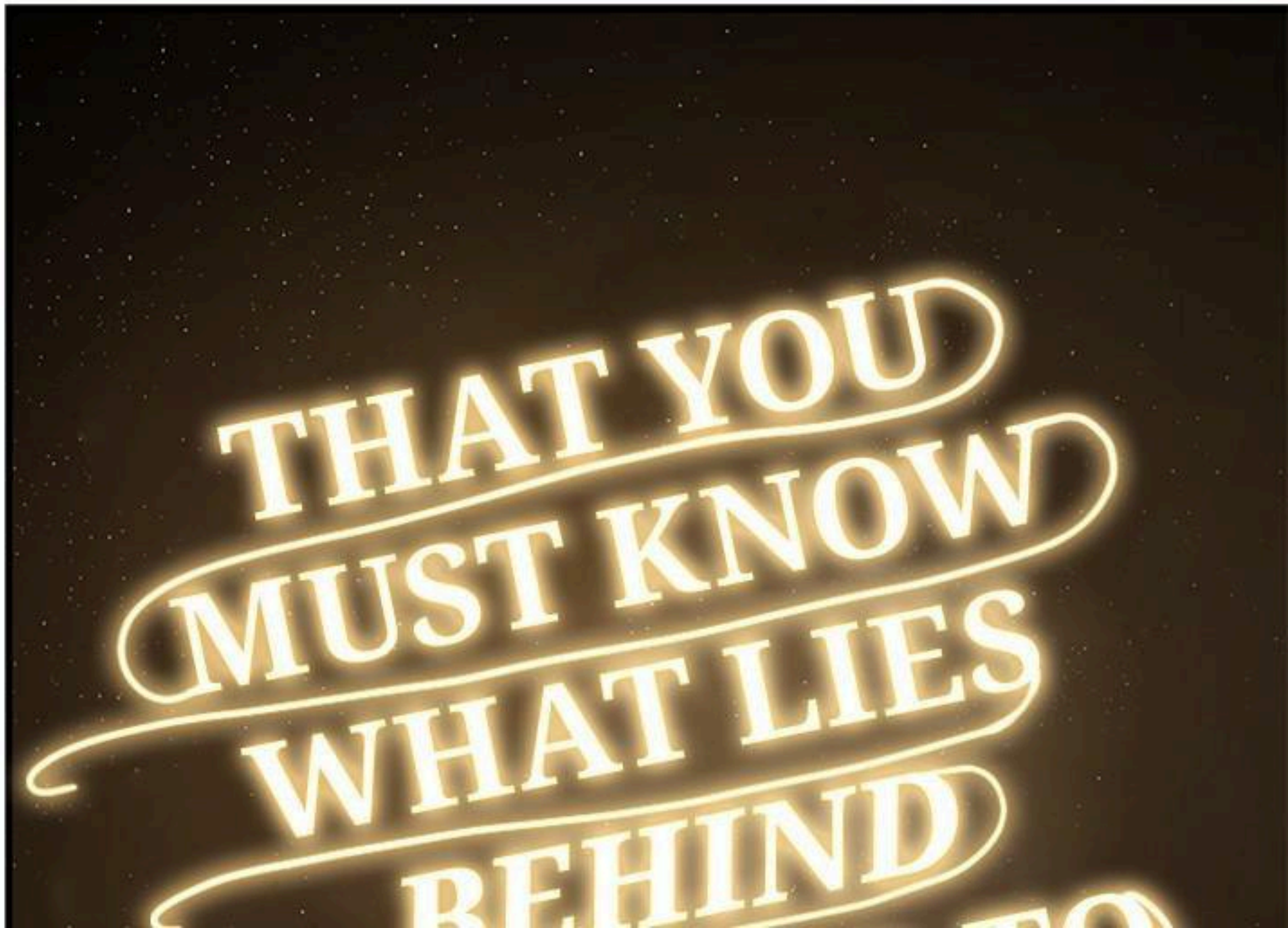
I WONDER
WHAT HAPPENS
IF I LOOK
BEHIND ME...

PARKLE

YOU ARE AFRAID OF WHAT MAY BE BEHIND YOU

PERSEPHONE...?

THAT POOR
CHILD FELT
THE SAME,
BUT NEVER
FORGET


THAT YOU
MUST KNOW
WHAT LIES
BEHIND

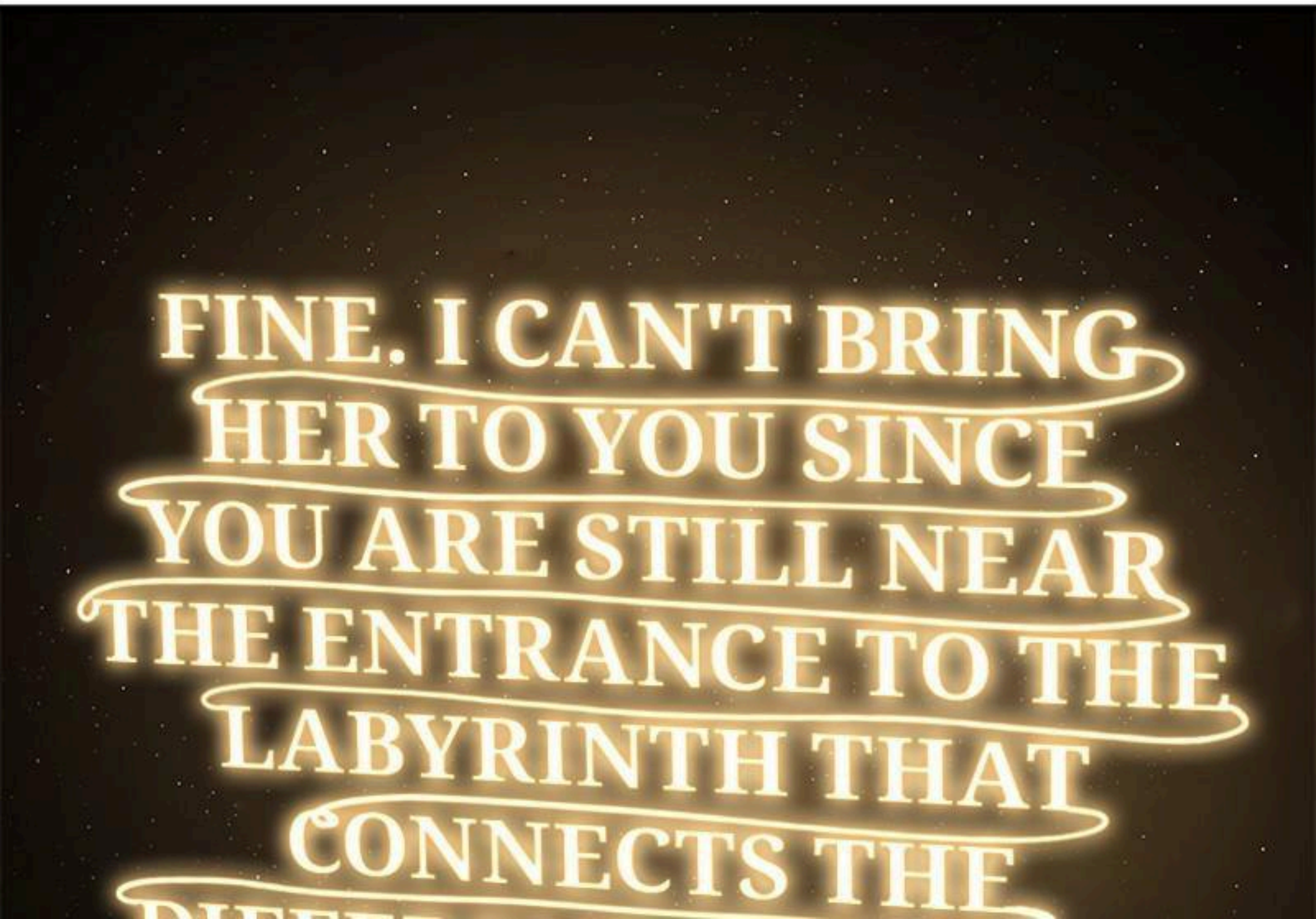
IN ORDER TO
KNOW WHAT
LIES AHEAD.

THE JUDGE

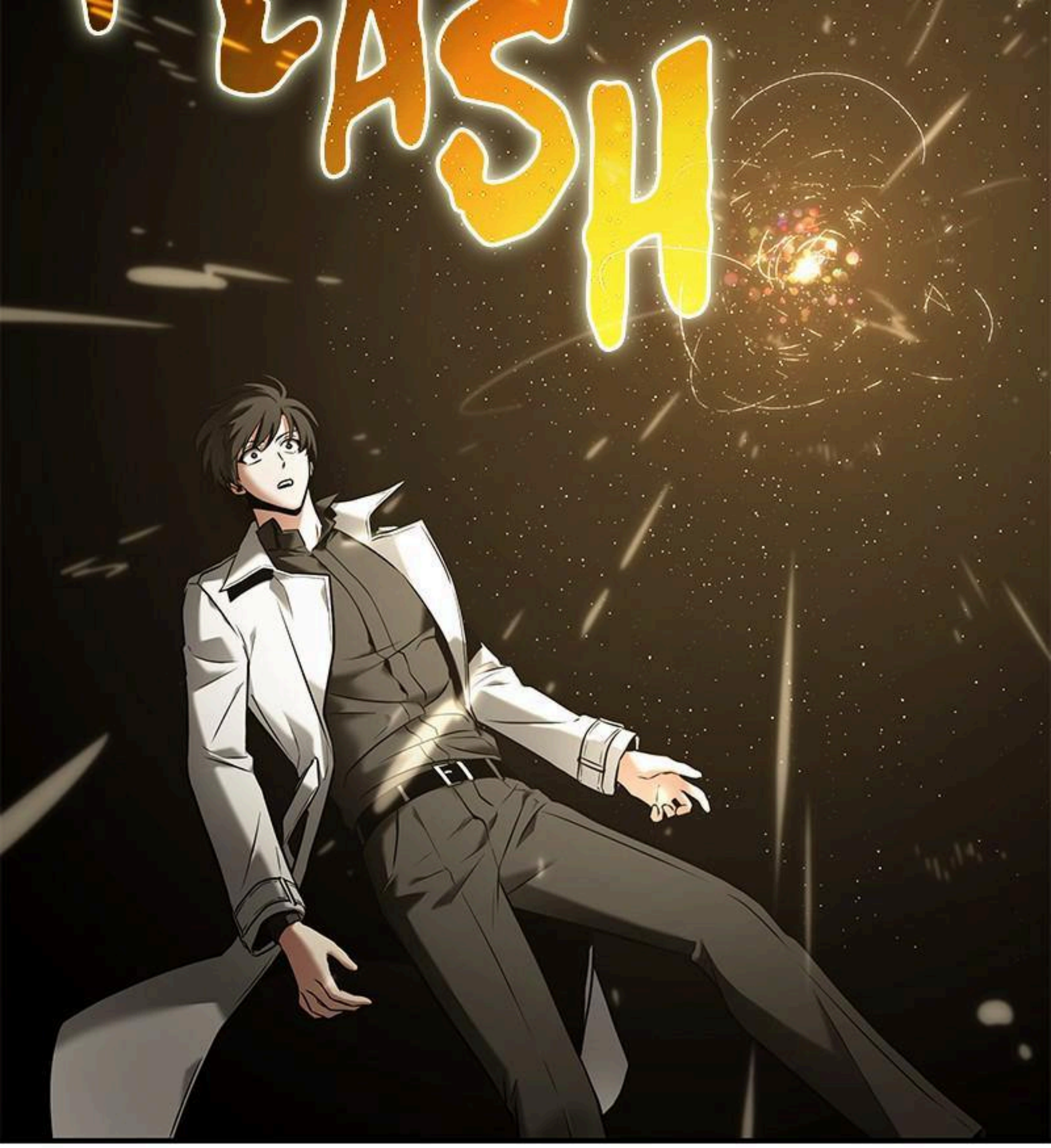
THE JUDGE TOLD ME SOMETHING SIMILAR,

BUT I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT IT MEANS.

IT LOOKS LIKE YOU NEED A LITTLE MOTIVATION.


FINE. I CAN'T BRING
HER TO YOU SINCE
YOU ARE STILL NEAR
THE ENTRANCE TO THE
LABYRINTH THAT
CONNECTS THE

DIFFERENT WORLDS...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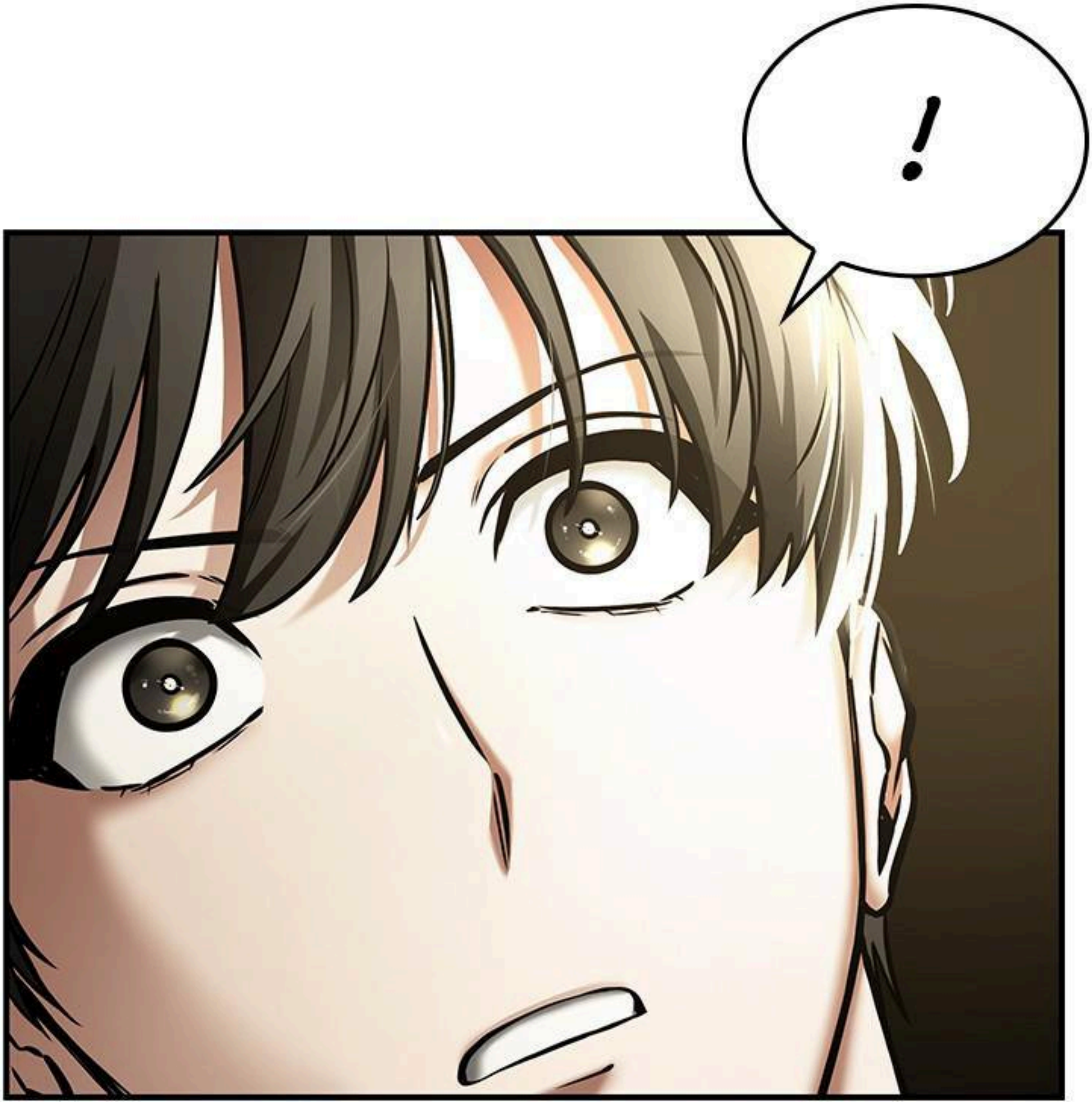
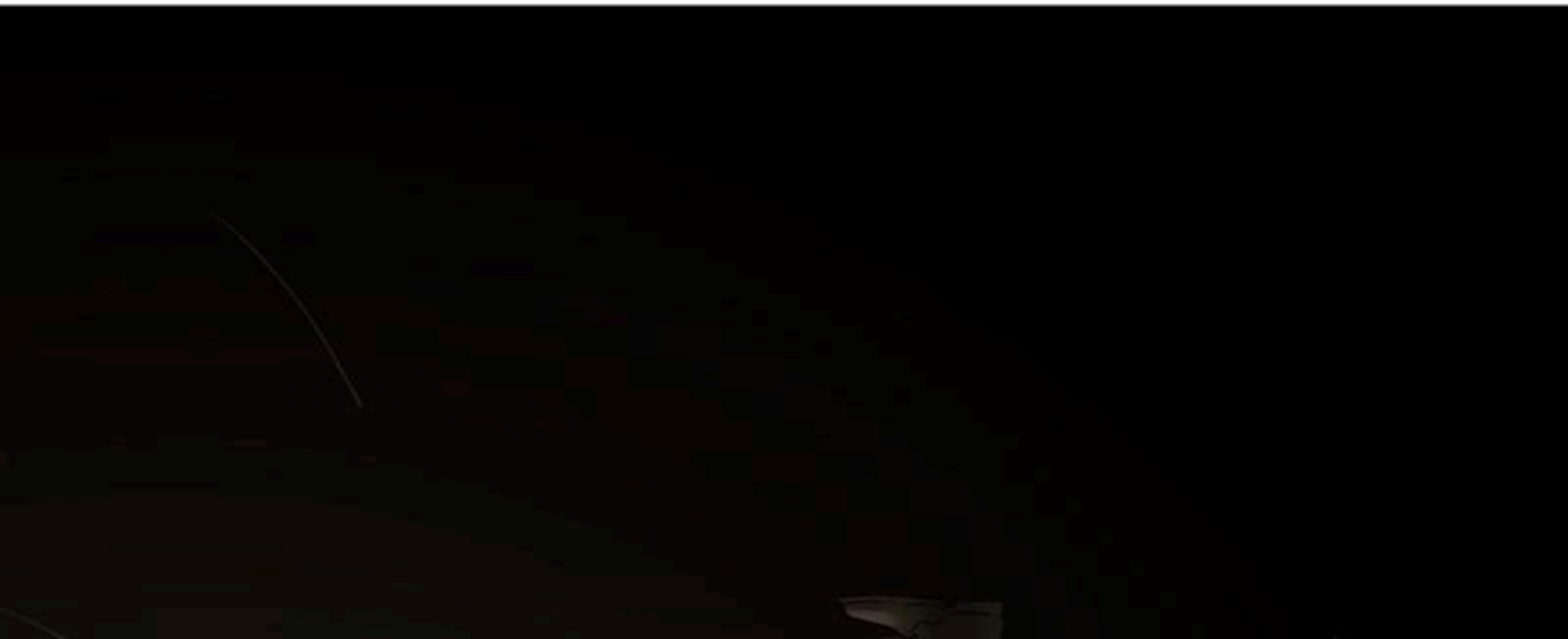
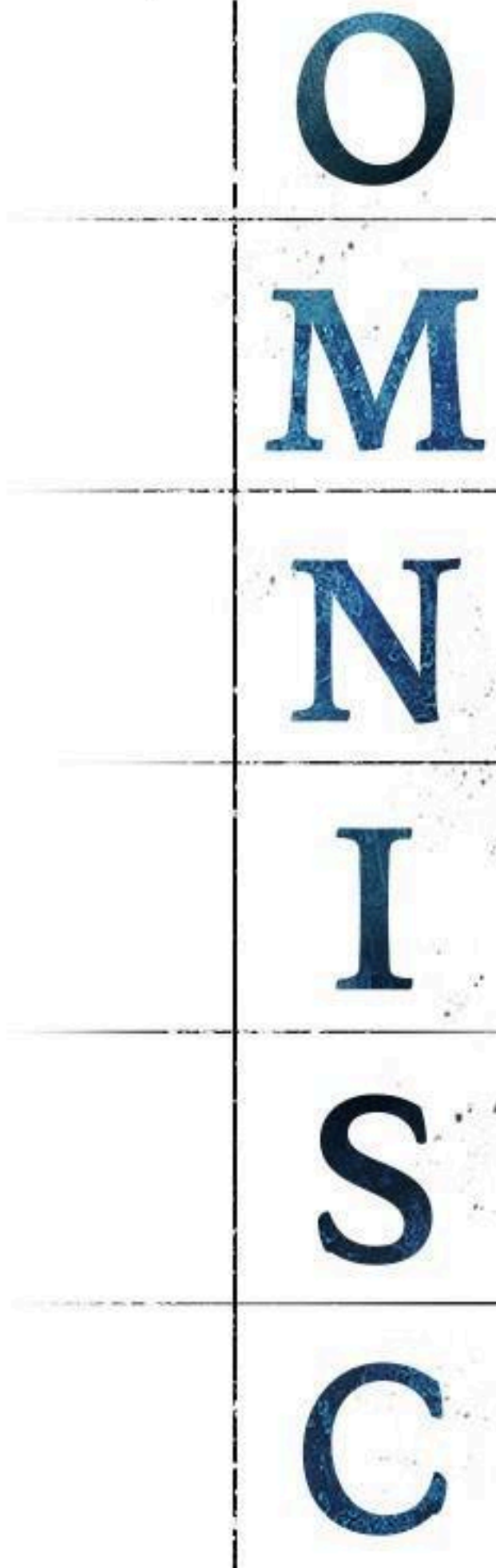


MISTER...?

IS THIS...

...YUSEUNG OF THE 41ST ROUND?

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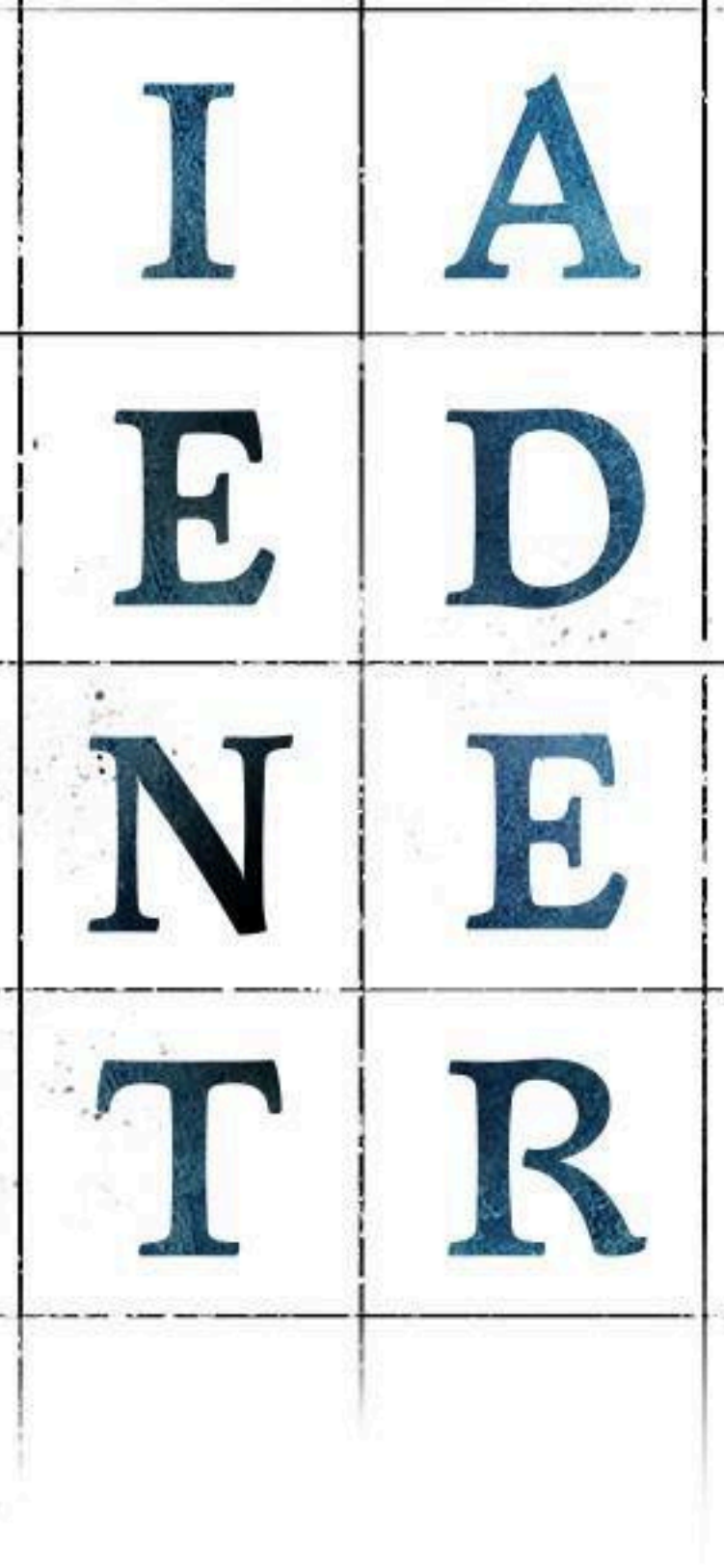

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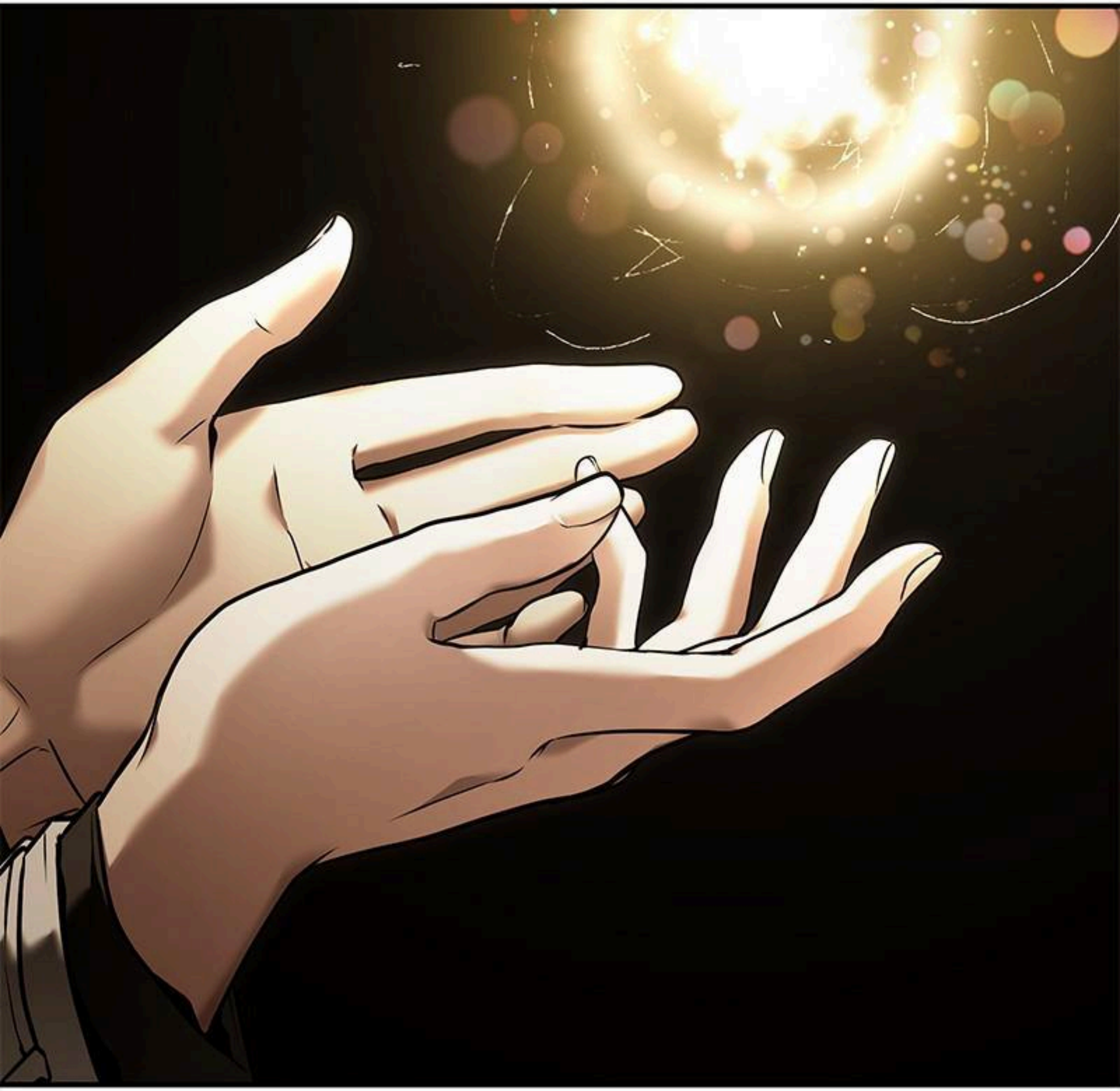
Chapter 23

Abandoned World

Part 1

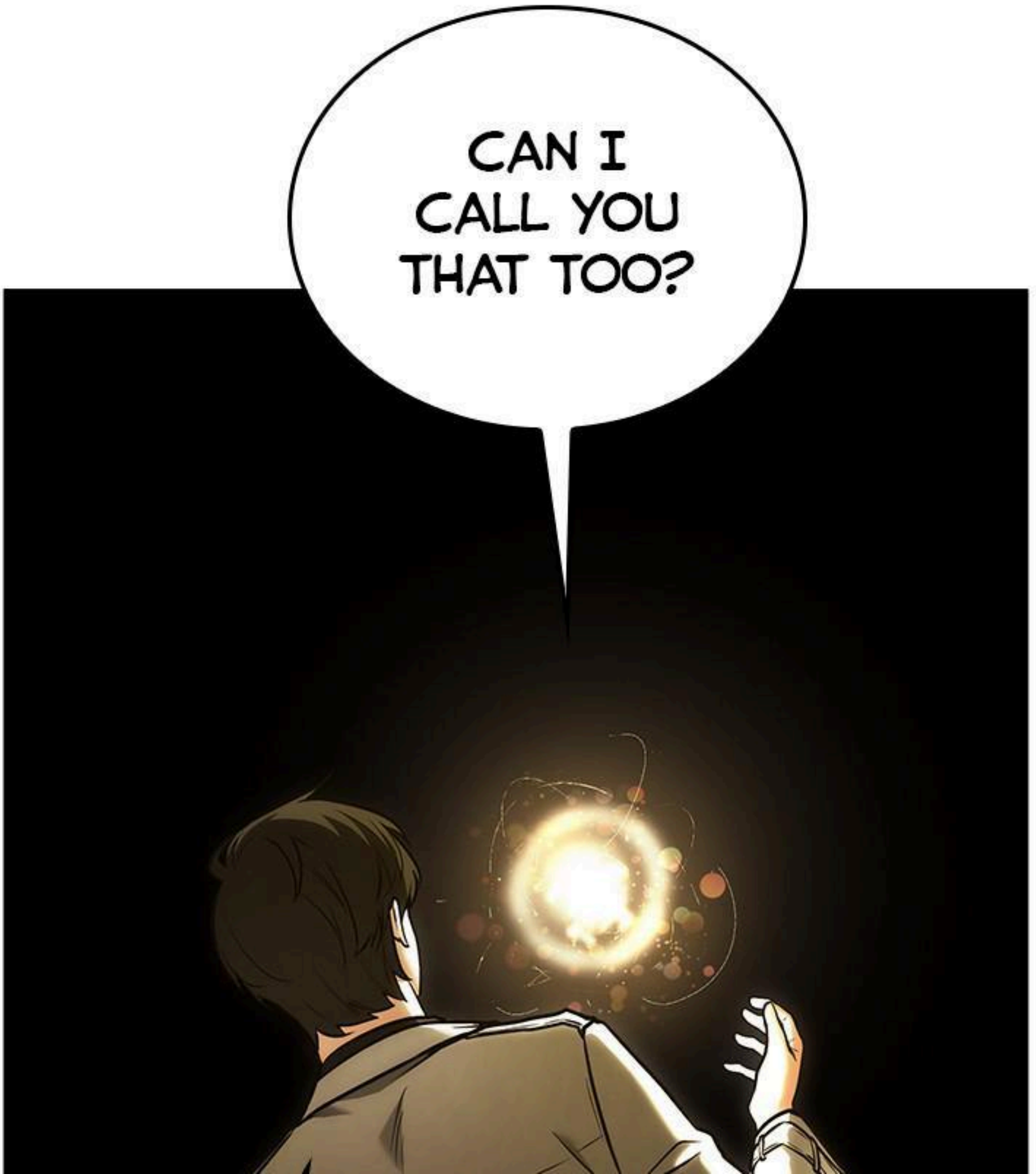


A-AHH...

TIME FLOWS DIFFERENTLY HERE, WHERE DIFFERENT WORLDS CONNECT.

MANY YEARS MIGHT HAVE ALREADY PASSED FOR YUSEUNG...

MISTER.


CAN I
CALL YOU
THAT TOO?

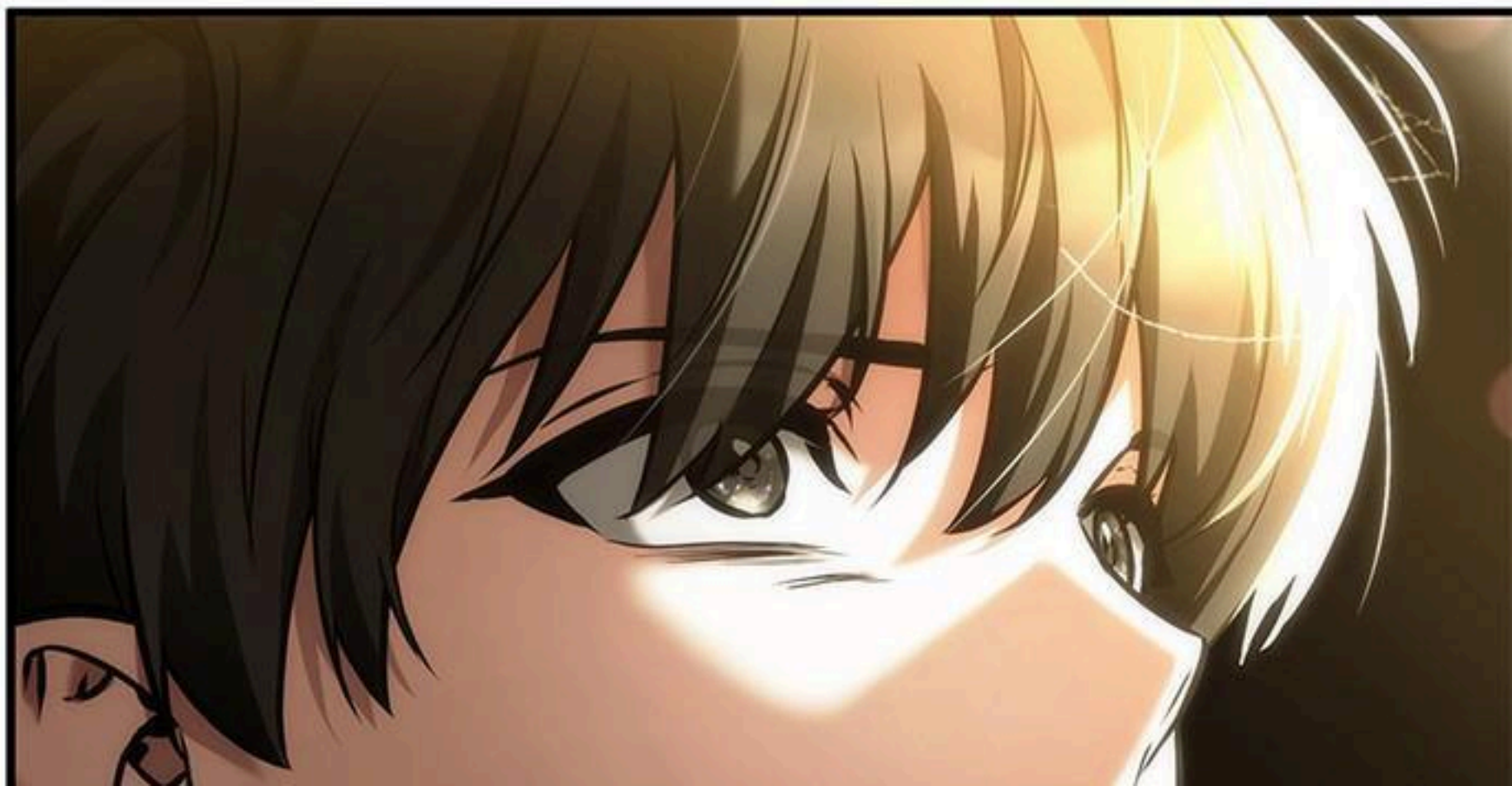
YOU'RE OLDER THAN ME NOW. ARE YOU SURE?

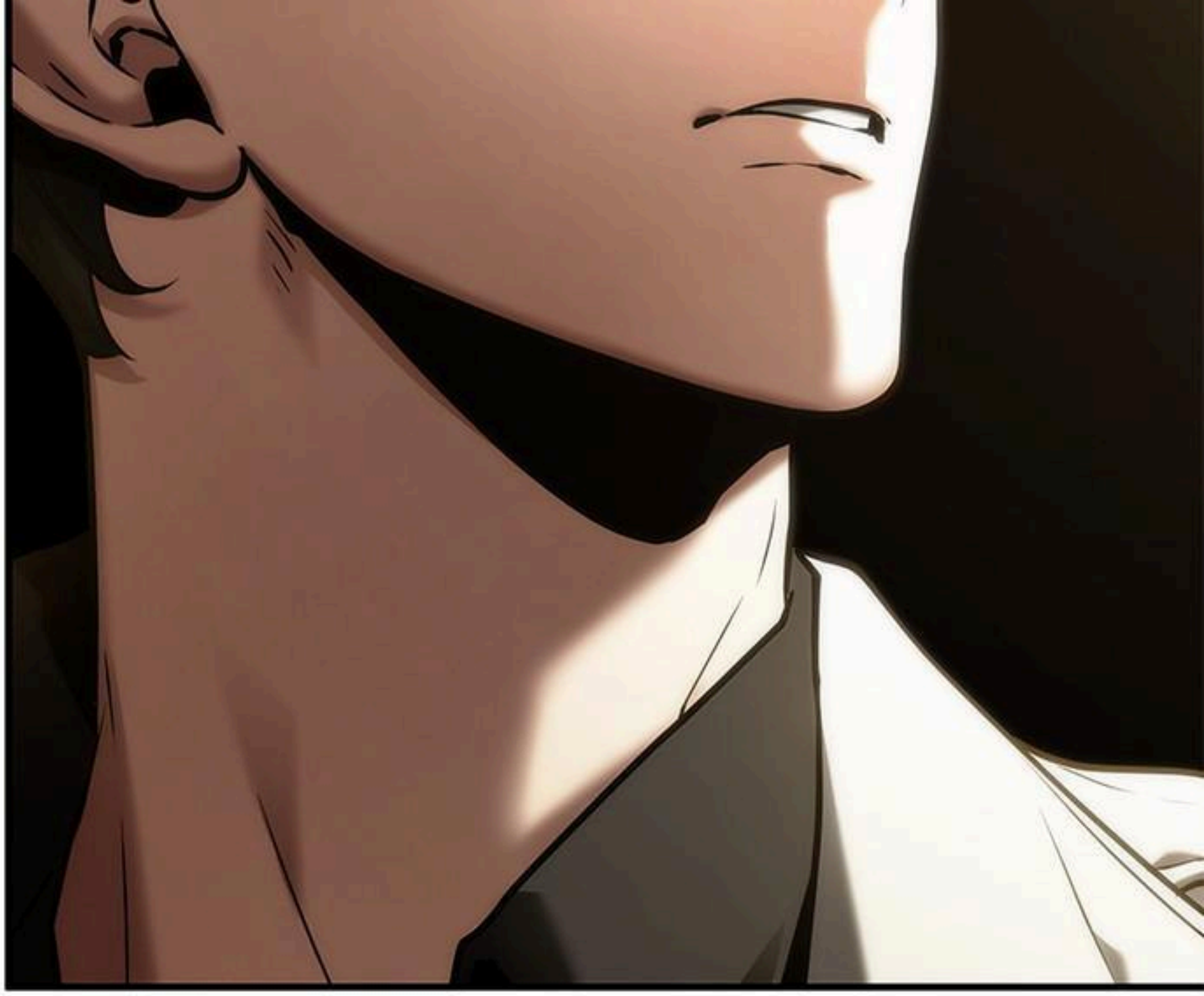
SHE MUST BE AFFECTED BY THE MEMORIES OF THE YOUNG YUSEUNG.

HOVER

TAP

WHOOSH





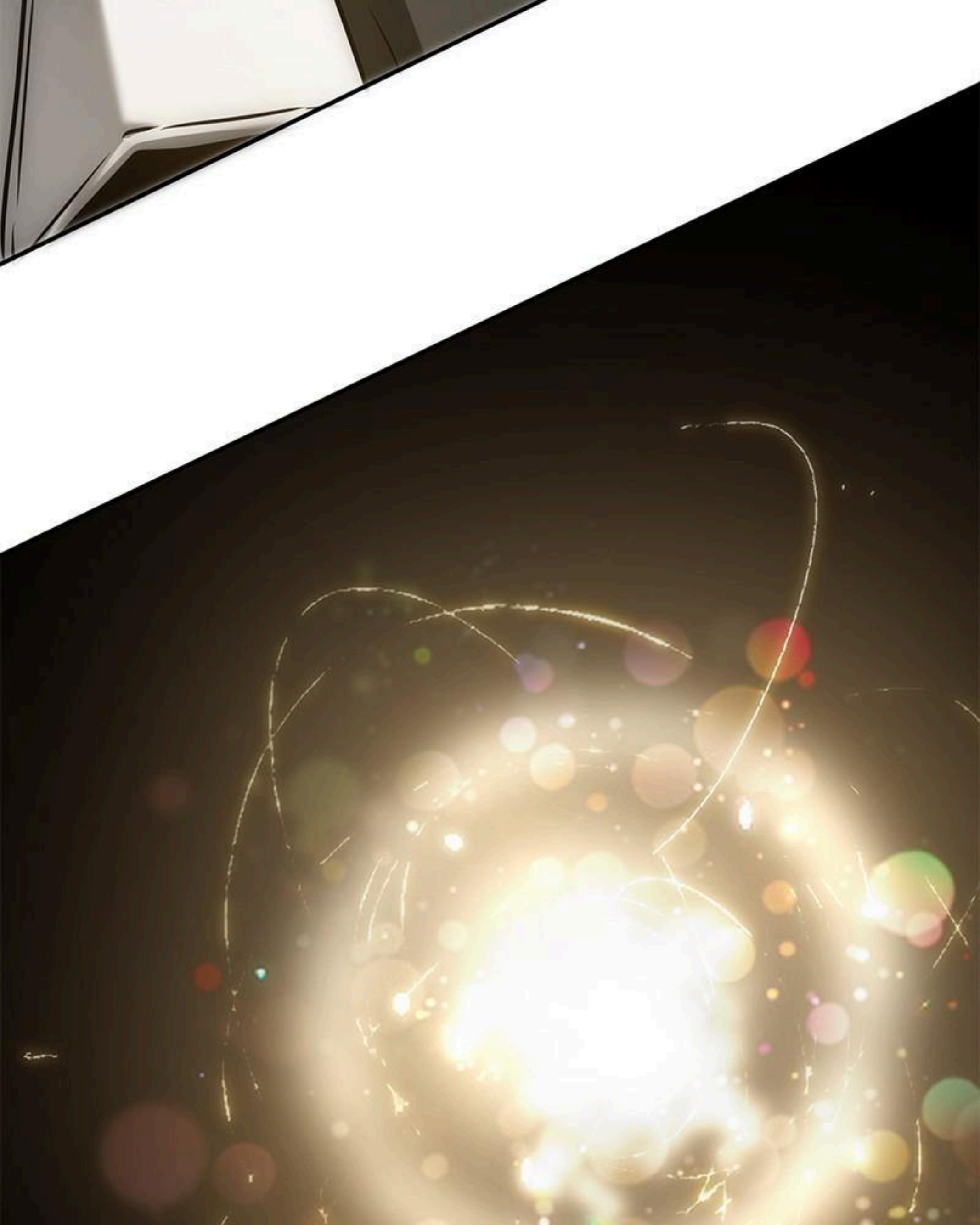
I'M SORRY.
I CAN'T SAVE
YOU RIGHT
NOW.

DON'T WORRY.
MY STORY
HAS NOW--

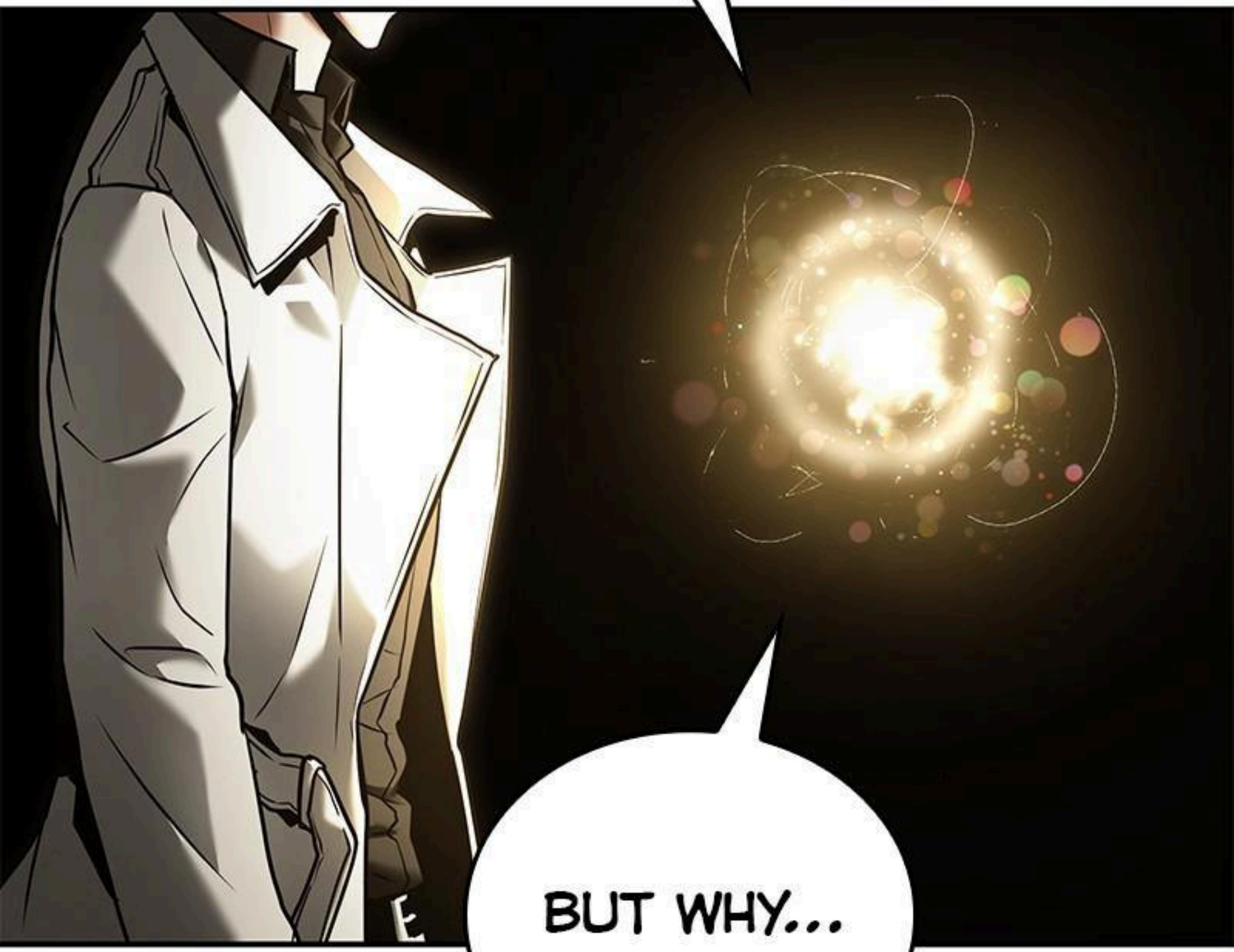
IT HASN'T
ENDED YET.

YOU CAN'T END IT HERE. NOT WHEN YOU'VE SUFFERED FOR ALL THOSE YEARS.

I WON'T LET IT.



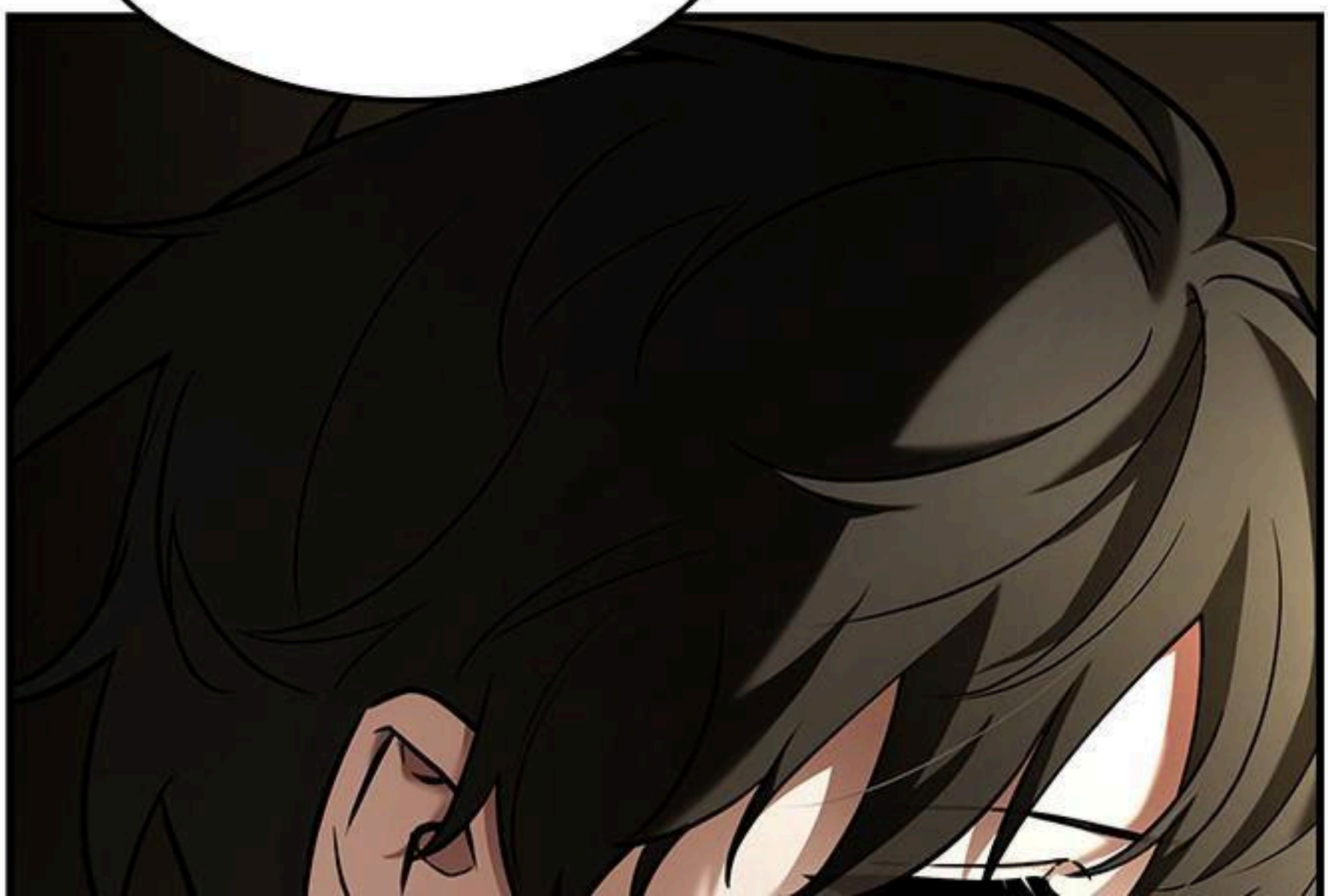
I'VE ONLY
GOTTEN TO KNOW
YOU THROUGH THE
MEMORIES I'VE HAD
IN THIS WORLD...

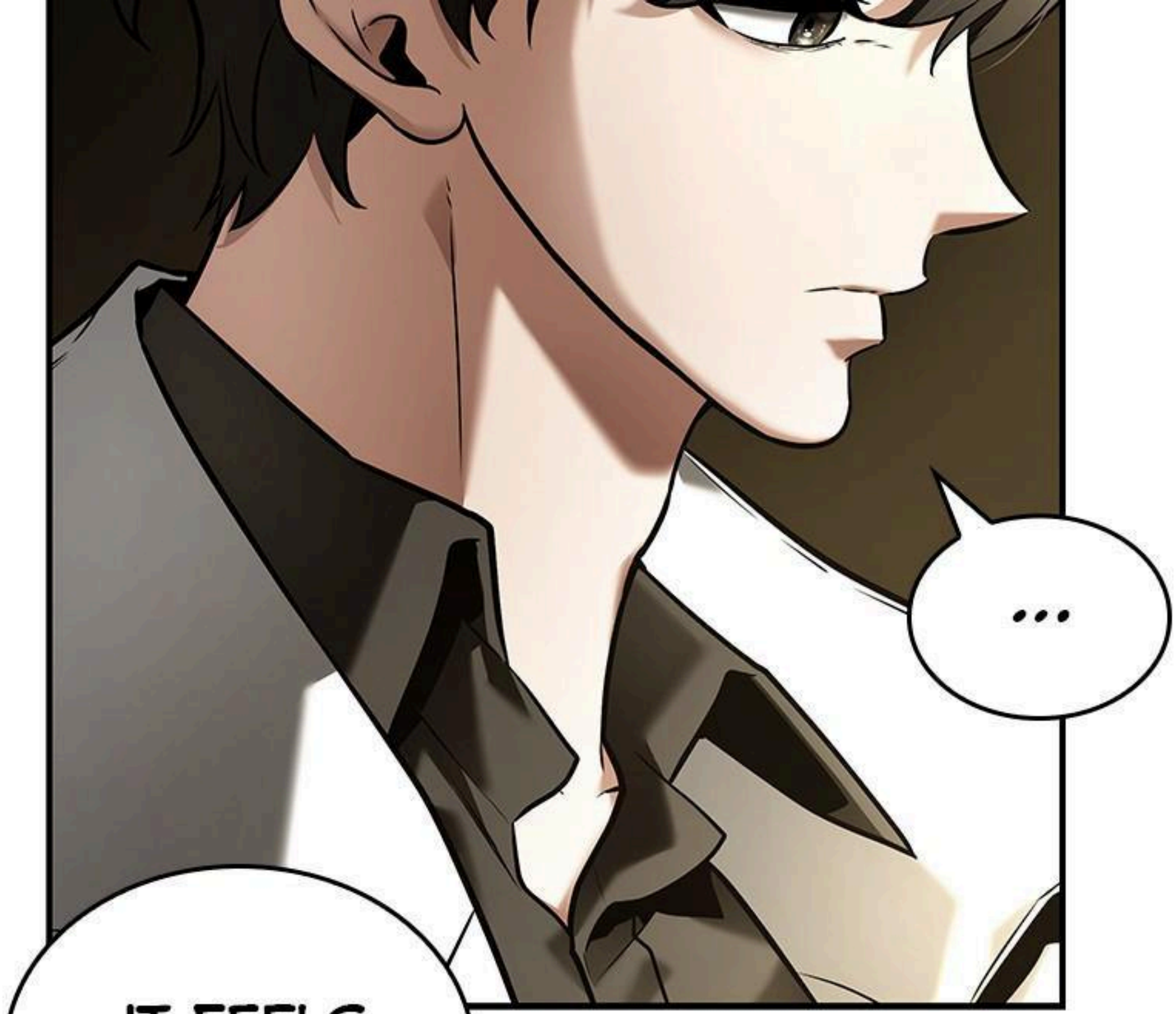


BUT WHY...

WHY ARE YOU BEING SO NICE TO ME?

YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT ME.

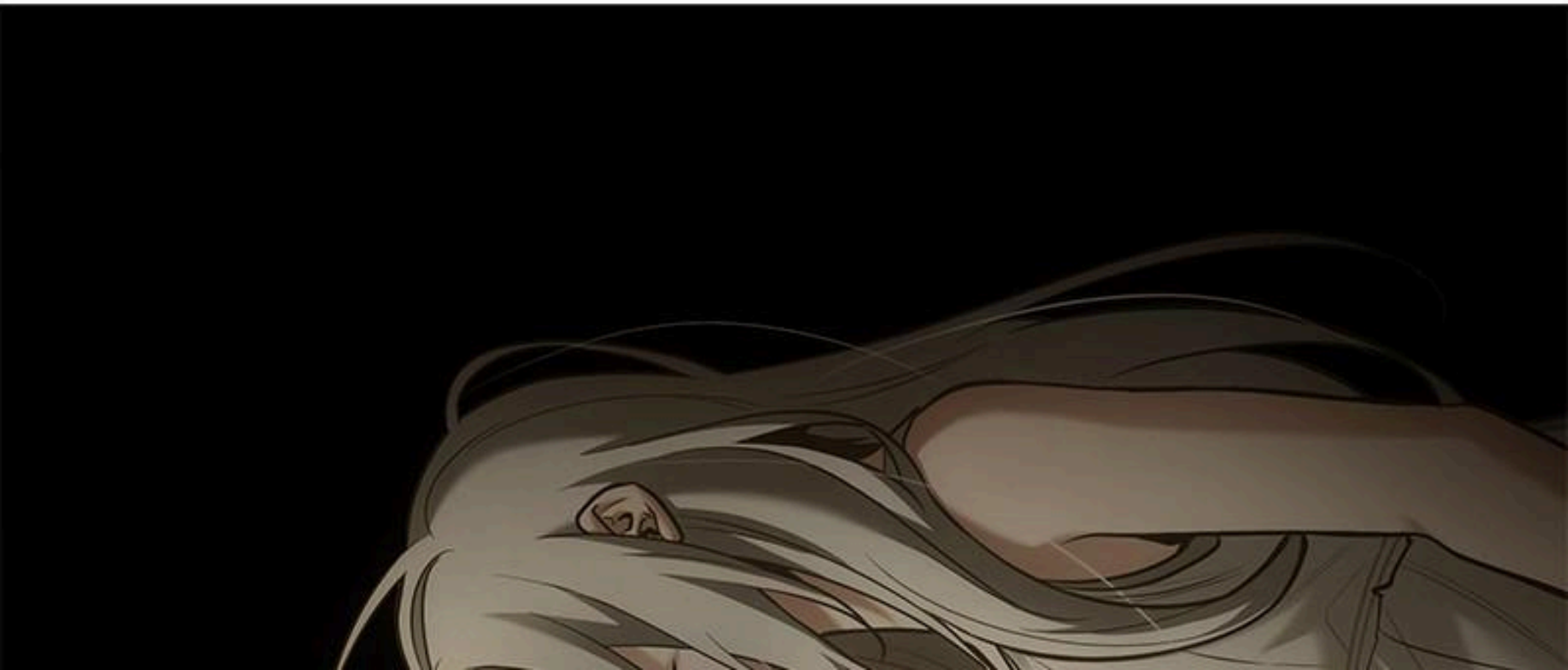


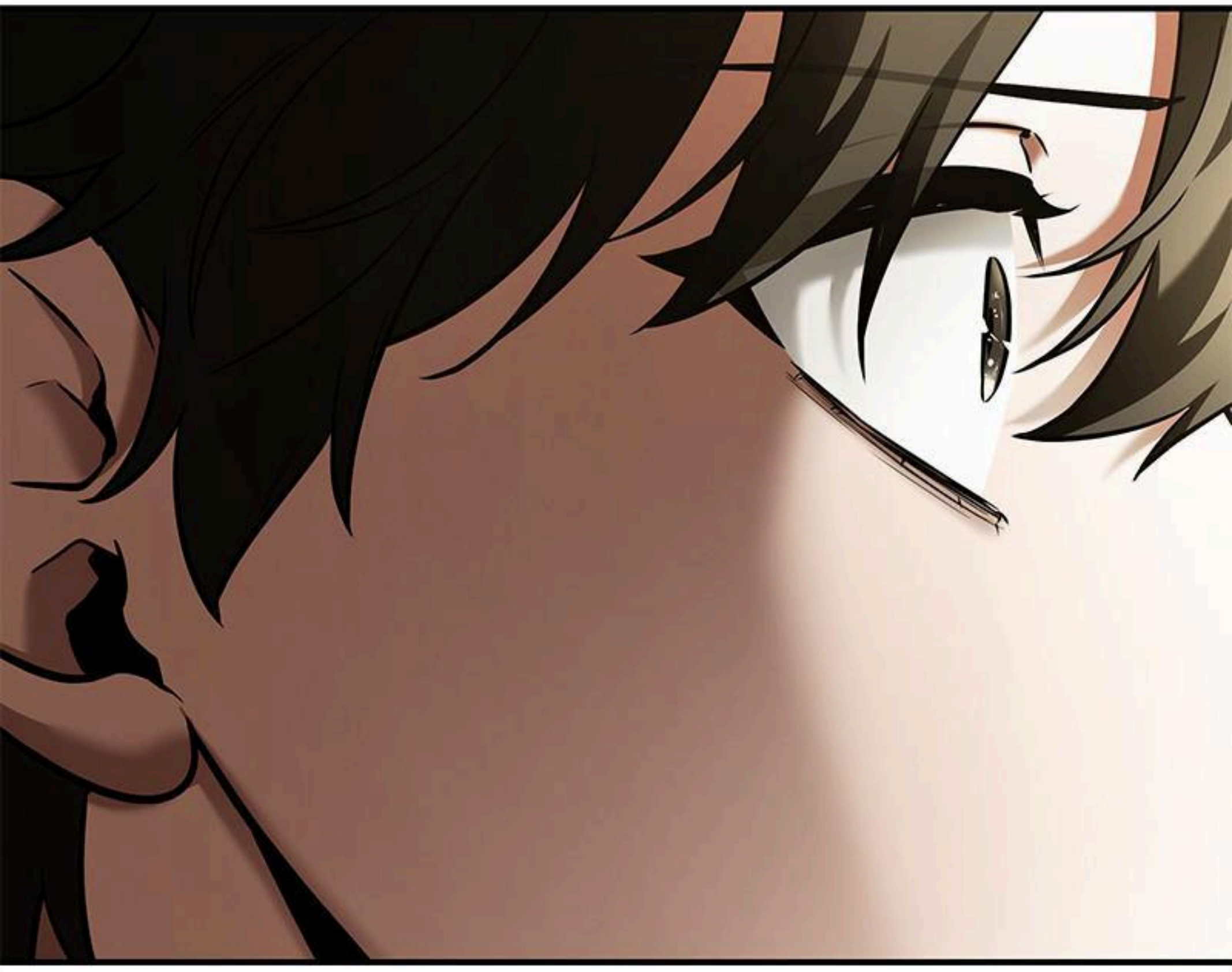

...
IT FEELS STRANGE.
I DEFINITELY DON'T KNOW YOU...

...BUT YOU MAKE ME FEEL UNDERSTOOD WHEN I'M WITH YOU.

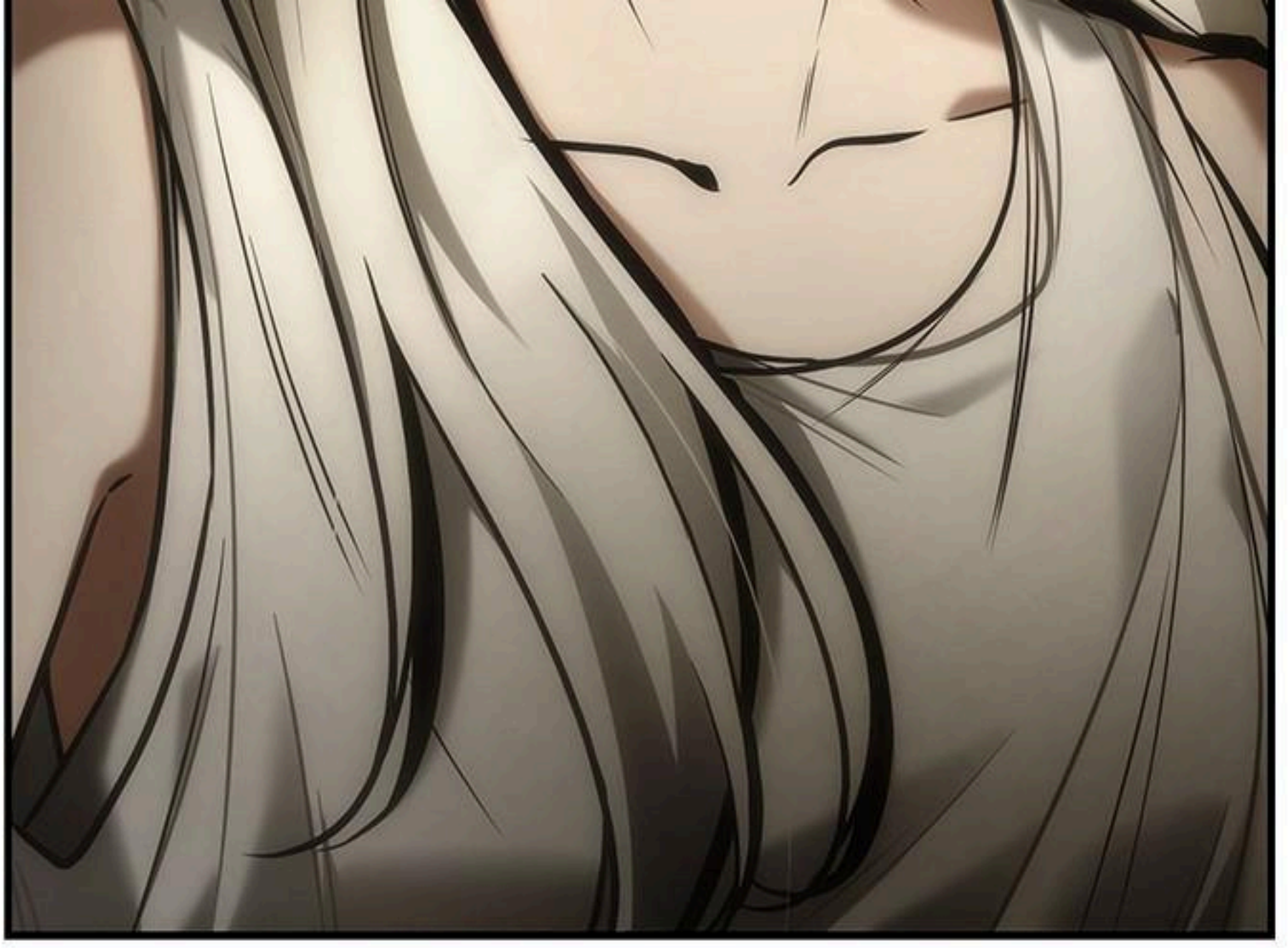
ALMOST AS IF...

...I'M IN THE PRESENCE OF A GOD.

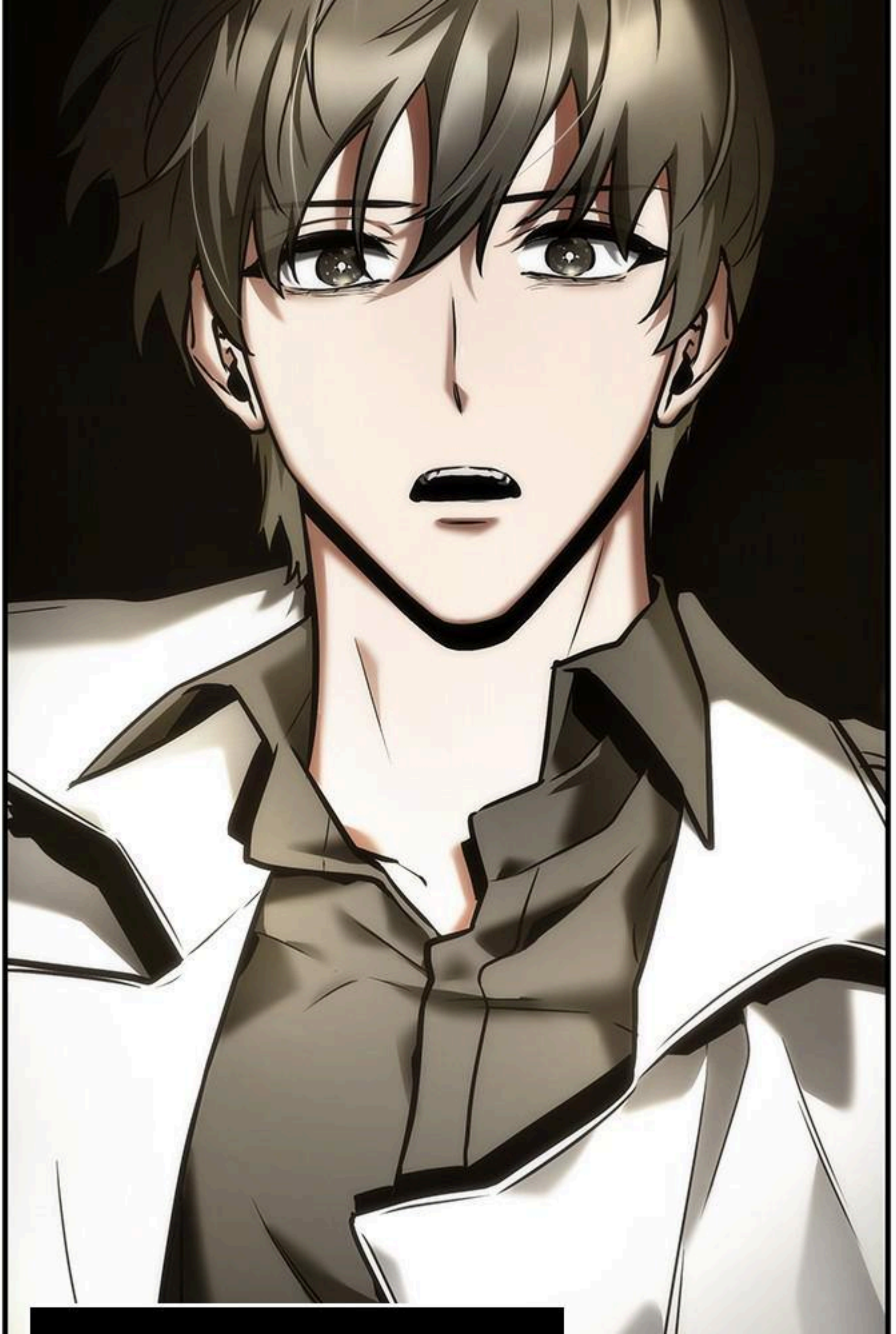




SAVE ME.



I WILL.



THERE HAS TO BE A BACK FOR ME TO BE ABLE TO FACE THE FRONT.

I THINK I GET WHAT PERSEPHONE MEANT.

THIS IS WHAT'S *BEHIND* ME...

...AND ALSO WHAT I SHOULD BE

HEADING TOWARDS.

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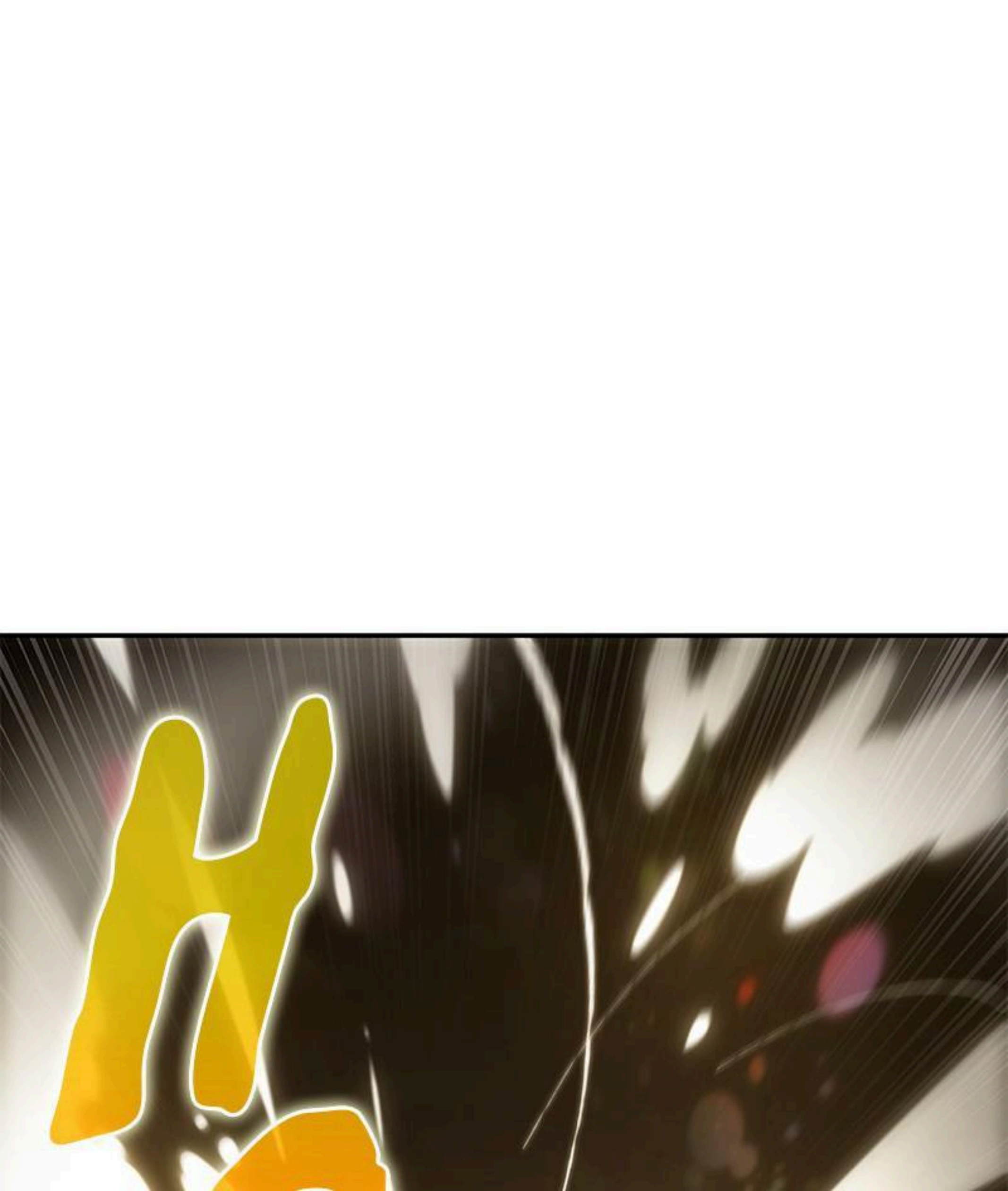


COULD
THIS BE HOW
JUNGHYEOK
FELT?

HE MUST CONTINUALLY TRAVEL BACK TO THE PAST,

BUT THAT'S THE ONLY WAY HE CAN MOVE FORWARD.

I'VE MANAGED TO

BRING HER HERE TEMPORARILY WITH MY POWERS...

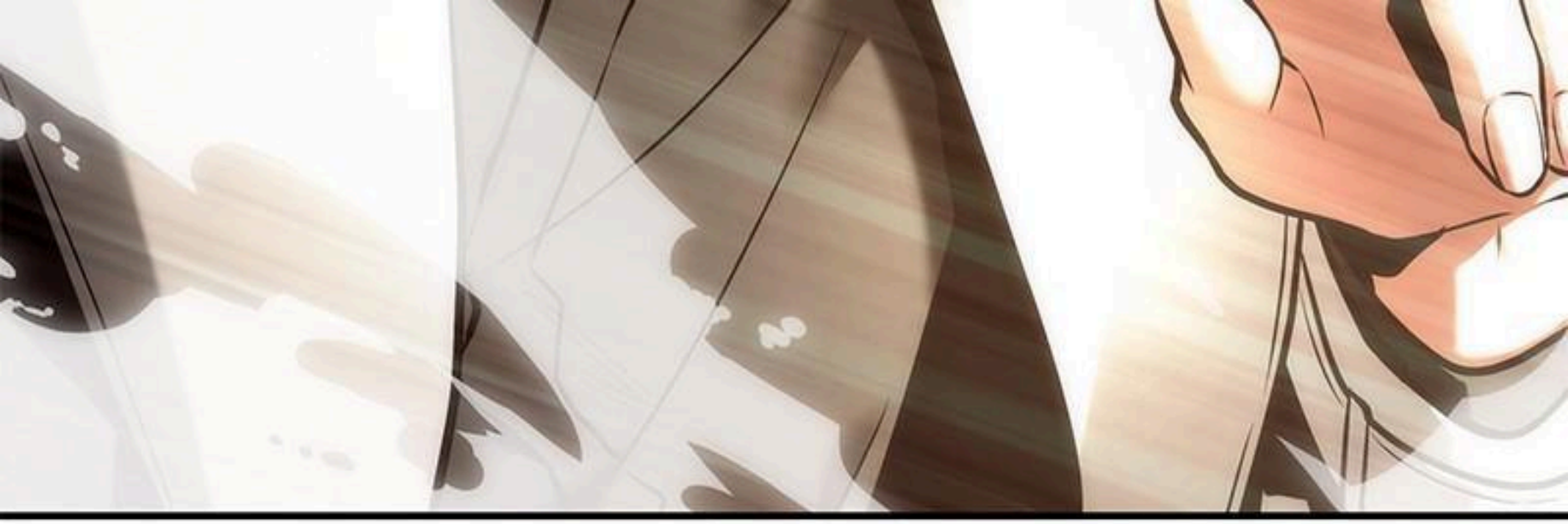
!

...BUT YOU MUST HURRY. THERE ISN'T MUCH TIME IF YOU WISH TO SAVE HER.

REMEMBER.

IS THAT...
THE EXIT?!

PEOPLE ARE
THE SUM OF THEIR
STORIES...



...AND THERE'S NO TELLING...

...HOW MUCH STORY
SHE'LL HAVE LEFT
IN HER WHEN YOU
FIND HER AGAIN.

<HIDDEN SCENARIO - SERPENT HUNTING>

CATEGORY: HIDDEN

DIFFICULTY: S-

CLEAR CONDITION: HUNT DOWN THE TARGET IN THE AREA WHERE THE SIXTH MAIN SCENARIO IS HELD.

TIME LIMIT: UNTIL THE END OF THE MAIN SCENARIO

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